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## ABSTRACT

This Kids Count Data Book examines trends in the well-being of California's children, focusing on factors influencing young children. This statistical portrait is based on trends in 19 indicators of child well-being in four areas: (1) family economics, including child poverty rate, children receiving TANF, children receiving WIC, fair market rent, infants born to mothers with less than 12 years of education, child care, and child support; (2) health, including prenatal care, low birthweight, infant mortality, teen births, and mothers initiating exclusive breastfeeding; (3) education, including classrooms, student proficiency, and public libraries; (4) safety, including foster care, child abuse, gun injuries and deaths, and motor vehicle injuries and deaths. The data book's introduction details key findings, discusses data interpretation, and makes recommendations. Part 1, the bulk of the report, contains fact sheets for each county and the state, including information on demographics, overall state findings, county rankings, and trends in the above indicators, with data presented by racial/ethnic group. Data explanations and sources follow. Part 2 contains summary tables organized by indicator detailing state and county findings for five additional indicators median yearly income, unemployment, low income children, high school dropout rates, and graduates prepared for college. The data book's findings indicate that 13 California counties have young child

poverty rates of 30 percent or higher. Infant mortality has dropped, with continued racial differences. Statewide teen birth rates continue to drop, with significant ethnic group differences. In the most populous counties, at least 40 percent of Head Start-eligible children are not enrolled. (KB)



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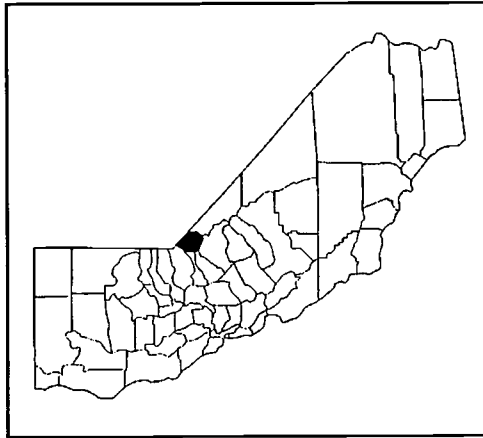
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# Alpine County



## County Highlights

Alpine is the least populated county in the state and has the least number of children. A large percentage (29%) of Alpine County's children live in families below the poverty level. This may partly explain why the county ranks 52nd of 58 counties in the percent of children receiving public assistance. Although there are no high schools in Alpine County, young children there experience the highest per pupil expenditure and the smallest class sizes in the state. Despite these advantages, third grade math scores are below average compared to other counties.

## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	1,217	229	58	100%
African-American	3	0	0	0%
Asian	10	4	2	3%
Latino	86	18	4	7%
Native American	317	95	34	59%
White	801	112	18	31%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		7		

## Family Economics

### CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)

Percent	28.5%	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
			27.4%

### CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)

	Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-5
All	21.4%	24.1%
African-American	NS	NS
Asian	NS	NS
Latino	0.0%	NS
Native American	42.1%	29.4%
White	7.1%	22.2%

### CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)

Number of participants	54
Percent of all eligible	150.0%

### FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)

Two bedroom	\$510
As percent of minimum wage	53.2%

### BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)

	Number	Percent
All	4	5.1%
African-American	NS	NS
Asian	NS	NS
Latino	NS	NS
Native American	NS	NS
White	NS	NS

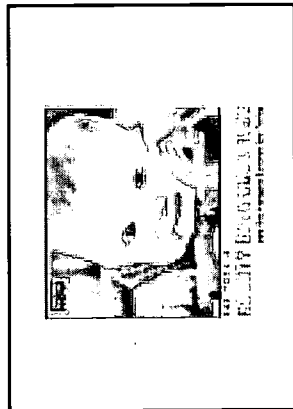
### CHILD CARE

Cost/month—infant	1996	1997	1998
Cost/month—preschool	NA	NA	NA
Child care centers:	\$390	NA	NA
% spaces for infants	NA	NA	0%

### CHILD SUPPORT

Percent cases with orders	1996	1997	1998
Money collected mo./case with order	78%	NR	NR
	\$102	NR	NR

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# Introduction

Recent neurological research complements what many parents and early interventionists have known for years: that children undergo tremendous emotional, social, cognitive and physical growth during their first years of life and that their genetic make-up only partially determines the course of their development. In addition, their relationships and their environments have a profound impact on their well-being, offering opportunities to maximize children's potential—or cause harm.

While no one should infer that older children and adults are somehow "beyond" help, it is often true that intervening early in the lives of children and families is the most effective and least costly. Children Now has focused this year's *California County Data Book* and *Report Card* on the status of children from birth to age five and their families to provide information for those developing policies that seek to capitalize on these special years.

Understanding the importance of early childhood continues to grow. We know, for example, that infancy and early childhood are prime times for learning. What may seem to be a one-sided conversation with a baby is actually a rich dialogue: as the parent speaks or sings, the infant picks up clues essential for language development. If the infant enjoys the stimulation, she coos and gurgles, enticing the parent to continue and strengthening the bond between them. If the infant has had enough she may turn away or

cry. At these times, it's important for the parent to follow the infant's cue so she'll learn to trust that those she loves will respond to her needs. With nurturing care, infants grow into children excited and ready to learn from their world.

But not all families know how or are able to create the caring environment children need. Parenting skills are not inborn. Particularly (but not exclusively) families under stress—from factors such as poverty, domestic violence or being a single or teen parent—may need special services to help them take care of their young child. Likewise, not all young children are developmentally equipped to take on the social, emotional, cognitive and physical tasks of early childhood. These children may need intensive resources to help address delays and disabilities; their families may need extra support and guidance, too.

A community that marshals its resources can be a powerful ally for new parents. All children need access to health care and most will use child care. Libraries and safe parks can augment children's learning and play environments. Other important services for families include parenting education and crisis intervention. Business practices and employment policies influence family life as well. Supporting families with young children is ultimately a community endeavor.

In recognition of the importance of early childhood and the benefits of community-based

services, California's voters approved Proposition 10, the California Children and Families First Act. The new law levies a tobacco tax and earmarks the revenue for state and county activities to promote healthy early childhood development. Eighty percent of the estimated \$650 million generated each year will be allocated by new county commissions, with the remaining twenty percent under the control of a state commission. The initiative provides Californians with the opportunity to create a seamless system of services, support and information for parents of young children. See [www.children98.org](http://www.children98.org) for the full text of the initiative.

## Key Data Findings

The *California County Data Book* includes indicators from the fields of family economics, health, education and safety, as well as demographics data. When available and when significant, we present trend analysis and data according to racial and ethnic groups. Parents of and advocates for older children should note that many of the important indicators from past editions of this publication are included beginning on page 130.

A troubling finding emerges from Children Now's comparison of the well-being of all children with that of young children: young children are significantly more likely to be poor, which



threatens their healthy development. While 24.3% of children birth to age 17 live in poverty, 28.6% of children birth to age four do. High percentages of rural and urban infants and toddlers alike live in families with incomes less than \$16,450 for a family of four: about 40% of the young children in Los Angeles and Fresno and about half of the young children in Imperial County are poor.

California has not done all it could to ensure a safe and healthful environment for its young children:

- Adequate nutrition, including being breastfed, helps to promote growth and developmental and minimize health care and educational problems. The WIC program has proven success in improving mothers' and young children's access to nutritious foods, breastfeeding support and nutrition counseling, yet three in ten infants and toddlers eligible for WIC are not receiving services.

- High quality child care can enhance children's social, emotional, physical and intellectual growth. Yet with the average monthly cost for an infant to attend a child care center just over \$650 a month (68 percent of a full-time minimum wage salary), many low-income working families have little or no ability to base their child care decision on quality.

- California's skyrocketing housing costs strain family budgets and threaten to make decent housing—a place where young children can safely explore and grow—an unattainable luxury. California's lowest fair market rents (in Colusa, Glenn, Modoc, Plumas, Siskiyou, Tehama and Trinity Counties) are about half of a full-time minimum wage income and the highest (in Marin, San Francisco and San Mateo Counties) exceed full-time minimum wage income.

- Infant mortality remains a tragic reality for too many families. Mirroring the persistently troubling national trend, the infant mortality rate for African-American children in California is more than double the state average and more than triple the rate for Asian/Pacific Islander families (who have the lowest rate).

But much in the lives of families is missing from this report. Beginning with our first *Report Card* ten years ago, Children Now has noted California's lack of data about critical indicators. This year is no different, and we hope that Proposition 10 and the statewide attention to early childhood issues will yield a meaningful commitment to gather and report accurate, consistent and relevant cross-county data. In particular, Children Now and the Report Card/County Data Book Advisory Committee believe that the following data at the county level, among others, are essential to future planning, yet these data are unavailable:

- The number of children waiting for child care spaces;
- The availability of high-quality, affordable child care;
- Children's preschool attendance;
- The number of children without health insurance;
- The number of toddlers up-to-date on their immunizations;
- Children's dental health;
- Cases of asthma, developmental delays and other prevalent conditions for young children;
- The number of lead poisoned young children;
- Children's housing status and conditions;
- Parent education levels and employment status;
- Rates of child abuse of young children.

In addition, some important indicators had rates that were uniformly so low that it became meaningless to include them in the *California County Data Book*. For example, UNICEF has developed "Baby Friendly" hospital protocols for promoting breastfeeding, such as rooming infants with their mothers when medically appropriate and not distributing free samples of baby formula. These practices have demonstrated success in improving breastfeeding, a practice which improves maternal and child health alike. Yet, in California, merely three hospitals and birthing centers have received official UNICEF certification and only 14 others have even initiated the certification process. The certifications per county are too small to report,

but we should not ignore this finding.

Despite this lack of data, the *California County Data Book* can be used to understand at least in part how young children and their families are faring across the state. We urge readers to use the *California County Data Book* as part of the process of defining your county's and our state's priorities for Proposition 10 and other policy decisions affecting the well-being of young children and their families.

### Interpreting & Using the Data

To understand how young children in your county are faring:

- *Look at the trends in indicators.* In which areas is the county improving? In which areas are conditions worsening for children? Are there areas in which the outcomes have remained consistently poor? Do they reflect an earlier problem faced by young children?

- *Look at your county rankings compared to other counties.* In which areas is your county doing relatively well? What requires special attention? Are there any indicators for which the rank is significantly different from the rankings in other areas?

- *Compare your county to similar counties.* If you live in a large urban county, you may want

to compare your outcomes for children with another large urban county. If you live in a rural or suburban county, compare your county with a similar one.

- *Look at how the well-being of young children compares to the well-being of older children.*

Are young children generally faring better or worse than all children? Do young children need special attention on any particular issue?

- *Compare how well different ethnic groups fare in your county.* Does parity exist across ethnic lines? How do different ethnic groups fare across several indicators? Please note that, for some indicators, county averages may hide important disparities among ethnic groups, children of various ages and different neighborhoods of the county.

### Recommendations

Local Proposition 10 implementation can catalyze sustained county-based planning on behalf of very young children. The heightened public concern regarding young children's well-being should also motivate action at the state level, in the private sector and in the everyday lives of Californians.

### At the County Level

- *Involve parents and diverse sectors in Proposition 10 planning and evaluation.* The collaborative intent of the initiative opens up opportunities to engage diverse sectors of the community in planning and evaluating services. Most critically, parents of young children should be encouraged to participate. Local commissions can do so by addressing parents' transportation, child care and translation needs and by setting meeting times that make attendance feasible. In addition, special outreach may be needed to engage the business sector, which has a tremendous impact on children's lives as employers of their parents. In turn, business is directly and indirectly affected by the well-being of children, families and communities.

- *Probe further into young children's needs in your community.* The *California County Data Book* provides information on young children that is available for every county, but additional investigation and data collection in individual counties can yield further information about how well young children are doing in one's own region. County health departments, departments of education and child care resource and referral agencies are among the entities with valuable local information about children.



## At the State Level

- *Develop and fund the implementation of a Master Plan for California's Young Children.* Similar to the Master Plan for Higher Education and others developed at the state level, a Master Plan for California's Young Children would help prioritize state resources dedicated to young children and their families, and would promote joint public and private sector efforts directed at achieving common goals.
- *Expand the availability of high-quality child care.* Qualified and experienced child care providers are an important component of quality care. California should provide funds to compensate child care providers who further their own professional development. The Legislature approved, but the governor deleted, such funds in the 1999-2000 state budget. With subsidized care available to just one in four of the children who qualifies, California must develop a long-term, sustainable strategy to increase resources dedicated to helping families meet child care costs. Partnerships with the private sector, such as a state matching fund for employer contributions to child care costs, should be developed.
- *Improve health insurance programs to cover all eligible children.* The 1999-2000 state budget included modest health coverage expansion for children and parents, but held fast to requiring an assets test to determine parents' eligibility for health insurance. Forcing parents to complete extra administrative paperwork already eliminated for children is an unnecessary bureaucratic burden and should be remedied in the coming year. Other steps to improve children's coverage include:
  - \* allowing children to be enrolled in Medi-Cal for one continuous year;
  - \* eliminating all documentation for Healthy Families and Medi-Cal for children not required by federal law; and
  - \* implementing Express Lane eligibility for children, which would make children enrolled in other public programs income eligible for health coverage.
- *Increase the affordable housing supply.* Housing costs pose a tremendous burden to many of California's families. California should establish a source of funding—potentially through the issuance of bonds—to ensure that the private market, public housing agencies and non-profit housing organizations continue building affordable housing units for low-income Californians.
- *Design the state budget with children as the top priority.* Eleven other states have established a state Earned Income Credit (EIC), which supplements the federal EIC, a refundable tax credit for low-income working families. Approximately 2.3 million low-income working California families would gain a valuable supplement to their family resources through a state EIC. In addition, our current array of tax expenditures should be reconsidered annually to determine their benefit to children and families.
- *Improve information systems about young children's well-being.* This report notes a number of important indicators of young children's well-being about which we lack county-level information and, in some cases, state-level information. Understanding children's needs at a local level is essential for utilizing resources wisely to promote their healthy development. State officials should develop a plan to improve public data systems regarding outcomes for young children.

## The Private Sector

Thirty-five percent of employed parents in California have children under age five, making the private sector highly influential in the lives of young children. In addition to becoming involved

with their local Proposition 10 planning and implementation efforts, the private sector can:

- Become engaged in local and statewide efforts to expand access to and improve the quality of child care.
- Survey your employees with young children about which benefits (child care resource and referral, child care services, health care, maternity/paternity leave, etc.) would be most helpful to their efforts to balance work and family. Assure that employee health coverage provides for important prevention services for young children.
- Get involved in local efforts to increase the affordable housing supply, an important factor in workforce recruitment and retention.
- Talk with other business leaders about the importance of early childhood and how workplace policies influence the lives of parents and children. Help create a family-friendly business culture in your community.

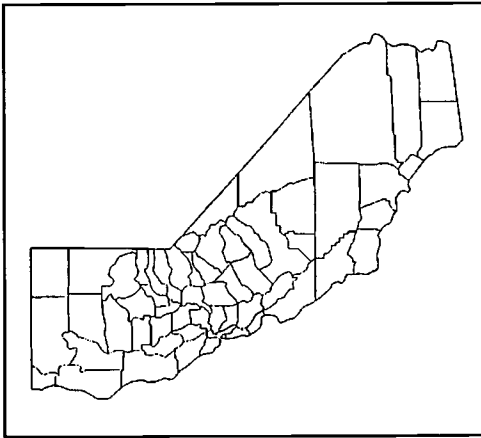
### All Californians

Parenting a young child can be one of life's most joyful experiences. It can also be challenging, scary and lonely. As a resident of California, you

can take steps to make our state better for all children and families:

- Vote for candidates who offer concrete suggestions for supporting children and families. Call your elected officials and tell them that you are concerned about the well-being of young children in your community.
- Support programs in your community that help young children. You can learn about programs through county volunteer agencies, local libraries, child care resource and referral agencies and the mayor's office.
- Reach out to parents of young children in your neighborhood with help and support.

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## County Highlights

California is the nation's largest state and one of its most diverse. One in eight U.S. children reside in California and it is predicted that by the year 2025, one in five of the nation's children will call California home. In recent years, California's infant mortality and teen birth rates have continued to decline. Yet, nearly one in four children under age eighteen and nearly 29% of children under age five live in families with incomes at or below the federal poverty level (\$16,450 for a family of four). California families confront increasing child care and housing costs.

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## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	33,506,406	9,426,168	3,363,312	100%
African-American	2,309,152	702,441	235,540	7%
Asian	3,716,953	1,056,688	370,593	11%
Latino	10,022,551	3,847,685	1,562,203	46%
Native American	199,747	50,286	16,067	<1%
White	17,258,003	3,769,068	1,178,909	35%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		524,174		

## Family Economics

CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
Percent	24.3%	28.6%
<b>CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)</b>	Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-5
All	15.2%	16.3%
African-American	39.5%	45.9%
Asian	16.4%	12.3%
Latino	16.3%	17%
Native American	17.6%	19.3%
White	9.1%	10.6%
<b>CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)</b>		
Number of participants	942,858	
Percent of all eligible	68.4%	
<b>FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)</b>		
Two bedroom	NA	NA
As percent of minimum wage		

## BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)

	Number	Percent
All	166,525	31.8%
African-American	7,027	19.5%
Asian	7,979	14.1%
Latino	134,255	54.0%
Native American	755	29.2%
White	16,378	9.2%

## CHILD CARE

Cost/month—infant	1996	1997	1998
Cost/month—preschool	\$585	NA	\$651
Child care centers:	\$407	NA	\$467
% spaces for infants	4%	NA	4%

## CHILD SUPPORT

Percent cases with orders	1996	1997	1998
Money collected mo./case with order	48%	59%	64%
	\$78	\$91	\$95

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## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE	1995	1996	1997
All	4.6%	3.8%	3.7%
African-American	5.1%	4.2%	4.5%
Asian	3.2%	2.8%	2.9%
Latino	5.8%	4.9%	4.6%
Native American	9.8%	7.5%	7.2%
White	3.2%	2.4%	2.4%

### PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS

	1995	1996	1997
All	6.1%	6.1%	6.1%
African-American	12.1%	11.9%	12.1%
Asian	6.4%	6.8%	6.8%
Latino	5.5%	5.4%	5.6%
Native American	6.8%	6.1%	5.7%
White	5.6%	5.5%	5.5%

### INFANT MORTALITY RATES (per 1,000)

	1995	1996	1997
All	6.3	5.9	5.9
African-American	14.1	14.0	13.2
Asian	4.4	4.0	4.0
Latino	5.8	5.4	5.6
Native American	7.3	4.5	3.9
White	6.0	5.6	5.5

### TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)

	1995	1996	1997
All	67.2	61.6	56.7
African-American	87.7	78.1	74.6
Asian	26.1	23.1	21.6
Latino	120.5	112.9	103.5
Native American	76.5	65.4	69.1
White	33.1	29.5	26.2

### MOTHERS WHO INITIATE EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING

Percent	1997
	43%

## Education

CLASSROOMS	1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start	NA	NA	NA
Average class size	29.1	27.4	27.2
Per pupil expenditure	\$4,287	\$4,570	\$4,938

### STUDENT PROFICIENCY

	1997	1998	1999
Students with limited English Proficiency	25%	25%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.		47%	53%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.		46%	56%

### PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)

Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)	5.0
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)	1.4

## Safety

### FOSTER CARE RATES (1997—per 1,000)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
All	11.3	10.3
African-American	53.7	47.6
Asian	1.6	1.5
Latino	7.9	6.9
Native American	24.2	26.7
White	9.1	9.6

### CHILD ABUSE (1996)

Number of reports	706,918
Rate (per 1,000)	78.2

### GUN INJURIES & DEATHS (1997)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	909	38
Deaths	337	19

### MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES & DEATHS (1998)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	48,788	7,389
Deaths	408	88

## California

### Family Economics

- Thirteen counties have young child poverty rates of 30% or higher, with young children living in the Central Valley among the most likely to be poor.

- Seven of the eight most unaffordable metropolitan areas in the nation are in California. In these regions, at least 67% of renters pay more than half their income on rent.

### Health

- California's infant mortality rate has dropped, from 6.3 deaths per 1,000 births in 1995 to 5.9 per 1,000 births in 1997. However, the mortality rate for African-American infants remains twice that of white infants.

- Statewide teen birth rates continue to improve, falling from 67.2 per 1,000 female teens ages 15 to 19. However, significant differences remain among various ethnic groups.

### Education

- Among the thirteen counties where four-fifths of the state's children reside, at least 40% of children eligible for Head Start (a federally funded comprehensive preschool program for low-income children) are not enrolled.

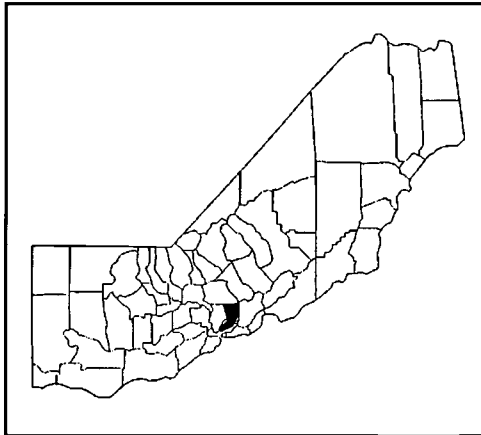
- California's class size reduction efforts for the early grades have resulted in a decline in average K-12 class sizes, from 29.1 to 27.2 students between 1995 and 1997.

### Safety

- The rate of children ages 0-17 in foster care increased between 1995 and 1997, from 10.1 to 11.3 per 1,000 children. The rate of children under age six in foster care also increased from 9.6 to 10.3 per 1,000 children.

- Motor vehicle accidents claimed the lives of 408 California children in 1998, 88 of whom were under age six. In the same year, 48,788 children were injured, with 7,389 of these children under age six. Auto accidents are a leading cause of death for young children.

# Alameda County



## County Highlights

With one of California's largest child populations, Alameda County establishes more child support orders (as a percent of total cases) for children and families who need them than any other county in the state. Alameda County also is above average in the amount of monthly child support payments per cases with orders. The county ranks second in the state in the percent of pregnant women who receive prenatal care services. The county has one of the higher foster care rates for children under age eighteen.

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## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	1,424,779	372,463	131,102	100%
African-American	247,223	73,407	24,668	19%
Asian	269,477	76,541	27,999	21%
Latino	251,374	86,654	34,812	27%
Native American	6,712	1,588	536	<1%
White	649,993	134,273	43,087	33%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		20,766		

## Family Economics

CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
Percent	17.3%	19.6%
<b>CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)</b>	Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-5
All	14.0%	14.4%
African-American	35.4%	40.4%
Asian	13.3%	9.3%
Latino	8.8%	9.7%
Native American	13.6%	15.7%
White	6.0%	6.5%
<b>CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)</b>		
Number of participants	23,967	
Percent of all eligible	60.6%	
<b>FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)</b>		
Two bedroom	\$812	
As percent of minimum wage	84.7%	

## BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)

	Number	Percent
All	3,823	18.4%
African-American	685	18.5%
Asian	494	11.1%
Latino	2,239	41.6%
Native American	15	19.2%
White	383	5.8%

## CHILD CARE

Cost/month—infant	1996	1997	1998
Cost/month—preschool	\$689	NA	\$704
Child care centers:	\$481	NA	\$569
% spaces for infants	5%	NA	6%

## CHILD SUPPORT

Percent cases with orders	1996	1997	1998
Money collected mo./case with order	83%	89%	88%
	\$103	\$102	\$105



## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE		1995	1996	1997
All		2.3%	1.8%	2.1%
African-American		3.4%	2.4%	3.2%
Asian		2.4%	1.6%	2.2%
Latino		2.6%	2.3%	2.5%
Native American		4.0%	5.2%	3.8%
White		1.4%	1.3%	1.2%
PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS		1995	1996	1997
All		6.9%	7.0%	6.9%
African-American		12.7%	12.3%	13.2%
Asian		6.3%	7.0%	6.4%
Latino		5.3%	5.1%	5.7%
Native American		9.1%	3.1%	3.8%
White		5.3%	5.5%	4.7%
INFANT MORTALITY RATES (per 1,000)		1995	1996	1997
All		5.4	6.0	6.0
African-American		11.5	13.6	12.4
Asian		3.0	5.3	2.9
Latino		4.4	4.8	4.5
Native American		0.0	10.4	0.0
White		4.4	3.6	6.3
TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)		1995	1996	1997
All		52.8	46.7	43.1
African-American		86.4	75.8	70.8
Asian		20.4	19.9	17.0
Latino		99.9	89.7	79.6
Native American		56.9	76.2	48.8
White		26.2	21.0	18.3
MOTHERS WHO INITIATE EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING		1997		
Percent		66%		

## Education

CLASSROOMS		1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start		NA	42.9%	NA
Average class size		28.6	26.9	27.0
Per pupil expenditure		\$4519	\$4,767	\$5,199
STUDENT PROFICIENCY		1997	1998	1999
Students with limited English Proficiency		19%	19%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.			49%	56%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.			45%	56%
PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)				
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)				6.7
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)				2.3
Safety				
FOSTER CARE RATES (1997—per 1,000)		Ages 0-17		Ages 0-5
All		11.7		9.6
African-American		42.2		35.4
Asian		1.2		1.1
Latino		4.2		3.3
Native American		15.6		16.3
White		5.4		4.5
CHILD ABUSE (1996)				
Number of reports				14,120
Rate (per 1,000)				40.3
GUN INJURIES & DEATHS (1997)		Ages 0-17		Ages 0-5
Injuries		28		2
Deaths		11		0
MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES & DEATHS (1998)		Ages 0-17		Ages 0-5
Injuries		1,868		259
Deaths		8		0

Alameda County  
Rankings

## Family Economics

Children living in poverty (0-17)	19 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	17 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	28 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	22 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	35 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	50 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	12 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	31 / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	48 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	12 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	2 / 48
Child support: \$ collected	11 / 48

## Health

Late/no prenatal care	2 / 49
Low birthweight infants	49 / 49
Infant mortality	16 / 37
Teen births	20 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	19 / 58

## Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	39 / 57
Average class size	46 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	15 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	22 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	23 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	32 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	20 / 56

## Safety

Foster care rate (0-17)	50 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	39 / 48
Child abuse	6 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	14 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	11 / 44

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## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE	1995	1996	1997
All	18.2%	0.0%	0.0%
African-American	NS	NS	NS
Asian	NS	NS	NS
Latino	NS	NS	NS
Native American	25.0%	NS	NS
White	NS	NS	NS
<b>PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS</b>	1995	1996	1997
All	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
African-American	NS	NS	NS
Asian	NS	NS	NS
Latino	NS	NS	NS
Native American	0.0%	NS	NS
White	NS	NS	NS
<b>INFANT MORTALITY RATES (per 1,000)</b>	1995	1996	1997
All	0.0	0.0	0.0
African-American	NS	NS	NS
Asian	NS	NS	NS
Latino	NS	NS	NS
Native American	0.0	NS	NS
White	NS	NS	NS
<b>TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)</b>	1995	1996	1997
All	108.1	26.3	24.4
African-American	NS	NS	NS
Asian	NS	NS	NS
Latino	NS	NS	NS
Native American	NS	NS	83.3
White	NS	NS	NS
<b>MOTHERS WHO INITIATE EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING</b>			1997
Percent			33%

## Education

CLASSROOMS	1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start	NA	NA	NA
Average class size	15.7	13.9	16.4
Per pupil expenditure	\$8,818	\$9,991	\$13,252
<b>STUDENT PROFICIENCY</b>	1997	1998	1999
Students with limited English Proficiency	0%	0%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.		44%	63%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.		33%	44%
<b>PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)</b>			
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)			403.4
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)			0.0

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES (1997—per 1,000)	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
All	33.8	48.4
African-American	NS	NS
Asian	NS	NS
Latino	0.0	NS
Native American	33.0	0.0
White	40.3	142.9
<b>CHILD ABUSE (1996)</b>		
Number of reports		115
Rate (per 1,000)		467.5
<b>GUN INJURIES &amp; DEATHS (1997)</b>	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	0	0
Deaths	0	0
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES &amp; DEATHS (1998)</b>	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	5	3
Deaths	0	0

Alpine County  
Rankings

## Family Economics

Children living in poverty (0-17)	50 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	38 / 58
Children receiving TANF(0-17)	52 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	54 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	1 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	15 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	NA / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	NA / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	NA / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	47 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	NR / 48
Child support: \$ collected	NR / 48

## Health

Late/no prenatal care	NR / 49
Low birthweight infants	NR / 49
Infant mortality	NR / 37
Teen births	NR / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	50 / 58

## Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	NA / 57
Average class size	1 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	1 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	11 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	53 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	1 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	51 / 56

## Safety

Foster care rate (0-17)	NR / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	NR / 48
Child abuse	58 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	NR / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	NR / 44

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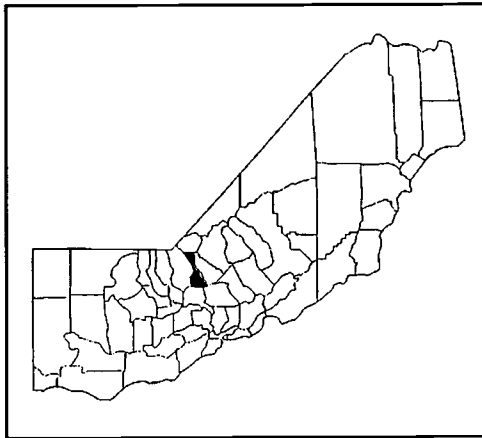
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# Amador County



## County Highlights

Amador County ranks above average in many child well-being indicators, including the percent of child support orders established and the monthly dollar amount collected per cases with orders established. The county also has one of the lowest teen birth and low birthweight infant rates. Its child care costs also rank among the lowest in the state. Few of Amador's child care slots are available for infants. Amador ranks last in per pupil expenditures.

## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	33,988	6,451	1,791	100%
African-American	1,664	134	8	<1%
Asian	222	48	22	1%
Latino	2,982	721	189	11%
Native American	486	108	31	2%
White	28,634	5,440	1,541	86%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		270		

## Family Economics

CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
Percent	13.2%	16.5%
<b>CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)</b>	Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-5
All	9.4%	13.1%
African-American	1.5%	12.5%
Asian	2.1%	0.0%
Latino	2.9%	4.8%
Native American	16.7%	19.4%
White	10.3%	14.1%
<b>CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)</b>		
Number of participants	338	
Percent of all eligible	58.8%	
<b>FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)</b>		
Two bedroom	\$611	
As percent of minimum wage	63.8%	

## BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)

	Number	Percent
All	43	15.9%
African-American	NS	NS
Asian	NS	NS
Latino	12	44.4%
Native American	NS	NS
White	30	12.8%

## CHILD CARE

Cost/month—infant	1996	1997	1998
Cost/month—preschool	\$563	NA	\$390
Child care centers:	\$368	NA	\$294
% spaces for infants	3%	NA	2%

## CHILD SUPPORT

Percent cases with orders	1996	1997	1998
Money collected mo./case with order	75%	71%	87%
	\$99	\$110	\$92

## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE	1995	1996	1997
All	2.4%	2.4%	1.5%
African-American	NS	NS	NS
Asian	NS	NS	NS
Latino	3.7%	3.8%	0.0%
Native American	NS	0.0%	NS
White	1.0%	2.4%	1.7%

PERCENT LOW  
BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS

	1995	1996	1997
All	5.3%	3.8%	5.9%
African-American	NS	NS	NS
Asian	NS	NS	NS
Latino	3.7%	7.7%	11.1%
Native American	NS	0.0%	NS
White	5.3%	3.6%	5.6%

INFANT MORTALITY  
RATES (per 1,000)

	1995	1996	1997
All	0.0	3.5	0.0
African-American	NS	NS	NS
Asian	NS	NS	NS
Latino	0.0	0.0	0.0
Native American	NS	0.0	NS
White	0.0	4.0	0.0

## TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)

	1995	1996	1997
All	38.5	37.0	34.7
African-American	32.3	0.0	54.1
Asian	NS	NS	NS
Latino	51.3	30.3	60.2
Native American	105.3	157.9	0.0
White	35.0	36.8	30.8

MOTHERS WHO INITIATE  
EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING

Percent	1997
	76%

## Education

CLASSROOMS	1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start	NA	62.5%	NA
Average class size	26.0	25.0	23.9
Per pupil expenditure	\$3,646	\$4,194	\$4,388

## STUDENT PROFICIENCY

	1997	1998	1999
Students with limited English Proficiency	1%	1%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.		57%	54%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.		48%	59%

## PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)

	1997	1998	1999
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)			33.5
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)			0.0

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES  
(1997—per 1,000)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
All	3.5	1.1
African-American	12.7	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0
Latino	2.7	0.0
Native American	8.8	0.0
White	3.3	1.3

## CHILD ABUSE (1996)

	1996
Number of reports	485
Rate (per 1,000)	75.0

## GUN INJURIES &amp; DEATHS (1997)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	1	0
Deaths	0	0

MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES  
& DEATHS (1998)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	53	3
Deaths	0	0

Amador County  
Rankings

## Family Economics

Children living in poverty (0-17)	9 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	12 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	14 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	19 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	40 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	33 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	5 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	5 / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	4 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	40 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	10 / 48
Child support: \$ collected	14 / 48

## Health

Late/no prenatal care	NR / 49
Low birthweight infants	9 / 49
Infant mortality	NR / 37
Teen births	8 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	9 / 58

## Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	12 / 57
Average class size	17 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	58 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	27 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	17 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	10 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	51 / 56

## Safety

Foster care rate (0-17)	7 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	NR / 48
Child abuse	13 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	49 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	NR / 44

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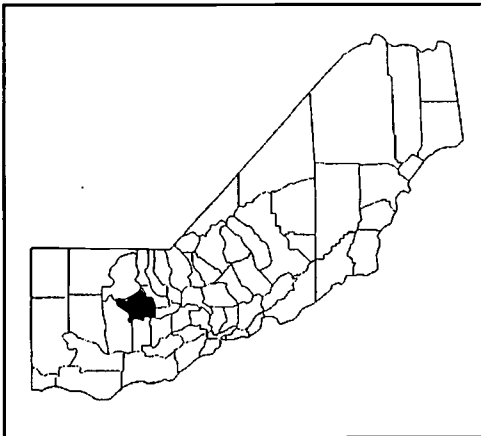
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# Butte County



## County Highlights

Butte County has one of the highest rates of poverty (over 30%) in the state for young children under age five. Butte County families in need of child support also experience a below average collection per cases with orders established and the county ranks near the bottom in its ability to establish orders as a percent of total child support cases. Butte has a high incidence of child abuse reports and children in foster care. Butte County ranks well compared to other counties in its rate of low birthweight infants.

## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	201,303	49,549	15,325	100%
African-American	2,655	889	299	2%
Asian	7,789	3,339	1,318	9%
Latino	17,272	6,355	2,325	15%
Native American	3,288	880	251	2%
White	170,299	38,086	11,132	73%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		2,253		

## Family Economics

### CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)

Percent	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
	26.7%	30.1%

### CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)

	Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-5
All	25.1%	28.8%
African-American	52.3%	67.6%
Asian	80.3%	59.9%
Latino	17.5%	20.5%
Native American	26.7%	34.3%
White	20.8%	25.7%

### CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997 — Ages 0-4)

Number of participants	4,760
Percent of all eligible	64.0%

### FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)

Two bedroom	\$554
As percent of minimum wage	57.8%

### BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)

	Number	Percent
All	645	28.6%
African-American	16	41.0%
Asian	112	59.3%
Latino	202	54.2%
Native American	23	44.2%
White	292	18.3%

### CHILD CARE

Cost/month — infant	1996	1997	1998
Cost/month — preschool	\$719	NA	\$467
Child care centers:	\$325	NA	\$314
% spaces for infants	7%	NA	8%

### CHILD SUPPORT

Percent cases with orders	1996	1997	1998
Money collected mo./case with order	42%	51%	54%
	\$84	\$79	\$75



## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE			
	1995	1996	1997
All	5.4%	4.8%	5.8%
African-American	9.8%	11.4%	12.8%
Asian	5.1%	7.8%	6.3%
Latino	8.9%	7.4%	8.8%
Native American	15.2%	15.9%	11.5%
White	4.3%	3.4%	4.7%
PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS			
	1995	1996	1997
All	5.2%	4.9%	4.6%
African-American	9.8%	11.4%	10.3%
Asian	4.0%	6.9%	4.2%
Latino	3.8%	5.4%	5.6%
Native American	4.3%	6.8%	5.8%
White	5.5%	4.3%	4.2%
INFANT MORTALITY RATES (per 1,000)			
	1995	1996	1997
All	10.3	6.9	6.7
African-American	0.0	0.0	25.6
Asian	0.0	0.0	5.3
Latino	5.4	2.5	5.4
Native American	0.0	0.0	0.0
White	13.0	9.1	6.9
TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)			
	1995	1996	1997
All	64.2	62.4	51.7
African-American	98.0	105.8	73.4
Asian	160.8	162.7	144.5
Latino	107.7	104.5	89.0
Native American	92.4	84.0	93.0
White	52.1	49.5	39.1
MOTHERS WHO INITIATE EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING			
	1997		
Percent	59%		

## Education

CLASSROOMS	1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start	NA	40.1%	NA
Average class size	27.5	26.5	26.2
Per pupil expenditure	\$4,033	\$4,439	\$4,857
STUDENT PROFICIENCY	1997	1998	1999
Students with limited English Proficiency	10%	10%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.		45%	47%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.		38%	45%
PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)			
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)			3.3
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)			1.9

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES (1997—per 1,000)	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
All	18.1	18.2
African-American	80.0	74.8
Asian	4.1	1.6
Latino	12.3	13.3
Native American	68.4	54.7
White	17.6	18.8
CHILD ABUSE (1996)		
Number of reports		8,546
Rate (per 1,000)		174.4
GUN INJURIES & DEATHS (1997)	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	3	0
Deaths	3	0
MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES & DEATHS (1998)	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	346	50
Deaths	6	1

Butte County  
Rankings

## Family Economics

Children living in poverty (0-17)	43 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	49 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	49 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	52 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	28 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	23 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	29 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	13 / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	8 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	5 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	41 / 48
Child support: \$ collected	31 / 48

## Health

Late/no prenatal care	30 / 49
Low birthweight infants	8 / 49
Infant mortality	35 / 37
Teen births	34 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	32 / 58

## Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	47 / 57
Average class size	32 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	45 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	39 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	50 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	54 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	23 / 56

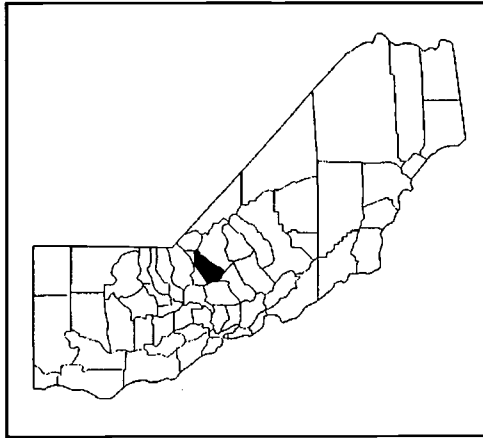
## Safety

Foster care rate (0-17)	54 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	47 / 48
Child abuse	53 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	26 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	26 / 44

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# Calaveras County



## County Highlights

Calaveras County ranks particularly well in births to mothers at least a high school degree and has one of the lower teen birth rates in California. Calaveras County also has the benefit of low infant child care costs, although it ranks below average in the percent of slots in child care centers designated for infants. Calaveras County has a relatively high incidence of child abuse reports and motor vehicle injuries or deaths to children.

## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	39,194	8,935	2,414	100%
African-American	201	43	12	<1%
Asian	225	81	31	1%
Latino	2531	794	245	10%
Native American	732	189	54	2%
White	35,505	7,828	2,072	86%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		327		

## Family Economics

CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
Percent	17.1%	19.5%
<b>CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)</b>	Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-5
All	14.0%	17.1%
African-American	11.6%	8.3%
Asian	3.7%	9.7%
Latino	6.7%	6.9%
Native American	10.6%	13.0%
White	14.9%	18.6%
<b>CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)</b>		
Number of participants	351	
Percent of all eligible	42.0%	
<b>FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)</b>		
Two bedroom	\$561	
As percent of minimum wage	58.5%	

## BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)

	Number	Percent
All	54	16.5%
African-American	NS	NS
Asian	NS	NS
Latino	14	40.0%
Native American	NS	NS
White	35	12.5%

## CHILD CARE

Cost/month—infant	1996	1997	1998
Cost/month—preschool	\$537	NA	\$360
Child care centers:	\$368	NA	\$325
% spaces for infants	3%	NA	4%

## CHILD SUPPORT

Percent cases with orders	1996	1997	1998
Money collected mo./case with order	55%	62%	74%
	\$70	\$77	\$79

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE	1995	1996	1997
All	4.5%	1.9%	3.4%
African-American	NS	NS	NS
Asian	NS	NS	NS
Latino	3.6%	3.0%	5.7%
Native American	0.0%	10.0%	NS
White	4.7%	1.1%	3.2%

PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS	1995	1996	1997
All	7.3%	5.3%	4.6%
African-American	NS	NS	NS
Asian	NS	NS	NS
Latino	7.1%	3.0%	2.9%
Native American	0.0%	10.0%	NS
White	7.7%	5.2%	4.6%

INFANT MORTALITY RATES (per 1,000)	1995	1996	1997
All	13.1	3.1	0.0
African-American	NS	NS	NS
Asian	NS	NS	NS
Latino	0.0	0.0	0.0
Native American	0.0	0.0	NS
White	14.8	3.7	0.0

TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)	1995	1996	1997
All	41.7	37.1	28.2
African-American	142.9	0.0	0.0
Asian	100.0	200.0	0.0
Latino	51.5	69.3	42.4
Native American	81.1	131.6	25.6
White	38.3	29.9	27.3

MOTHERS WHO INITIATE EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING	1997
Percent	59%

## Education

CLASSROOMS	1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start	NA	100.0%	NA
Average class size	25.3	23.7	26.0
Per pupil expenditure	\$3,784	\$4,215	\$5,253

STUDENT PROFICIENCY	1997	1998	1999
Students with limited English Proficiency	1%	1%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.		51%	53%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.		38%	51%

PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)	
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)	28.9
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)	5.9

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES (1997—per 1,000)	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
All	8.9	8.9
African-American	133.3	166.7
Asian	0.0	0.0
Latino	6.6	0.0
Native American	16.1	0.0
White	8.3	9.2

CHILD ABUSE (1996)	
Number of reports	1,255
Rate (per 1,000)	144.8

GUN INJURIES & DEATHS (1997)	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	1	1
Deaths	0	0

MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES & DEATHS (1998)	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	115	10
Deaths	2	0

## Calaveras County Rankings

## Family Economics

Children living in poverty (0-17)	18 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	16 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	29 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	27 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	56 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	24 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	8 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	3 / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	11 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	31 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	29 / 48
Child support: \$ collected	35 / 48

## Health

Late/no prenatal care	17 / 49
Low birthweight infants	28 / 49
Infant mortality	NR / 37
Teen births	6 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	32 / 58

## Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	1 / 57
Average class size	18 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	48 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	31 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	35 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	11 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	6 / 56

## Safety

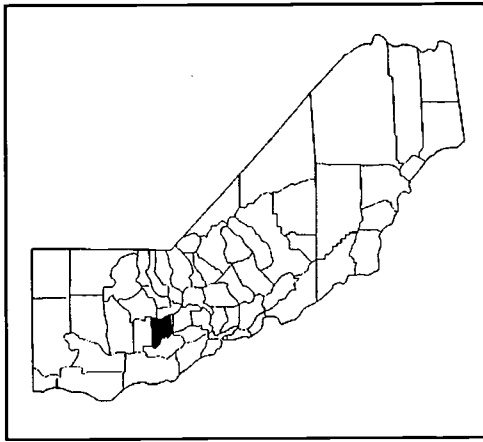
Foster care rate (0-17)	35 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	23 / 48
Child abuse	44 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	53 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	NR / 44

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# Colusa County



## County Highlights

Colusa County has a lower percentage of poor young children compared to other counties. Colusa has among the lowest preschool child care and housing costs in the state. Additionally, its average class size compares favorably to many other counties. Colusa County ranks below average in the percent of pregnant women receiving prenatal care services.

## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	19,289	5,755	1,991	100%
African-American	82	12	5	<1%
Asian	359	80	26	1%
Latino	7,933	3,099	1,229	62%
Native American	328	80	24	1%
White	10,587	2,484	707	36%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		307		

## Family Economics

### CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)

Percent	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
21.3%	Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-4

### CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)

All	Percent	Percent
African-American	9.3%	11.9%
Asian	83.3%	NS
Latino	10.0%	7.7%
Native American	8.7%	11.6%
White	18.8%	25.0%
	9.4%	11.7%

### CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)

Number of participants	812
Percent of all eligible	70.4%

### FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)

Two bedroom	\$474
As percent of minimum wage	49.5%

### BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)

All	Number	Percent
African-American	158	51.5
Asian	NS	NS
Latino	137	69.2%
Native American	NS	NS
White	20	20.0%

### CHILD CARE

Cost/month—infant	1996	1997	1998
Cost/month—preschool	NA	NA	NA
Child care centers:	\$277	NA	\$294
% spaces for infants	11%	NA	4%

### CHILD SUPPORT

Percent cases with orders	1996	1997	1998
Money collected mo./case with order	58%	56%	79%
	\$89	\$90	\$74

## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE		1995	1996	1997
All		7.9%	8.3%	4.9%
African-American		NS	NS	NS
Asian		NS	NS	NS
Latino		9.4%	11.1%	5.6%
Native American		NS	NS	NS
White		5.6%	2.3%	4.0%
PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS		1995	1996	1997
All		8.5%	3.3%	4.6%
African-American		NS	NS	NS
Asian		NS	NS	NS
Latino		5.6%	4.3%	4.5%
Native American		NS	NS	NS
White		11.1%	1.1%	4.0%
INFANT MORTALITY RATES (per 1,000)		1995	1996	1997
All		6.3	6.6	6.5
African-American		NS	NS	NS
Asian		NS	NS	NS
Latino		5.6	4.8	10.1
Native American		NS	NS	NS
White		7.9	11.4	0.0
TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)		1995	1996	1997
All		70.9	54.4	52.3
African-American		NS	NS	NS
Asian		0.0	66.7	0.0
Latino		99.1	84.3	76.3
Native American		0.0	47.6	52.6
White		50.9	25.3	30.6
MOTHERS WHO INITIATE EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING		1997		
Percent		38%		

## Education

CLASSROOMS		1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start		NA	100.0%	NA
Average class size		21.6	20.7	20.8
Per pupil expenditure		\$4,245	\$4,782	\$4,930
STUDENT PROFICIENCY		1997	1998	1999
Students with limited English Proficiency		31%	36%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.			39%	53%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.			32%	48%
PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)				
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)				13.3
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)				2.6
Safety				
FOSTER CARE RATES (1997—per 1,000)		Ages 0-17		Ages 0-5
All		5.2		3.6
African-American		230.8		NS
Asian		0.0		0.0
Latino		3.1		2.5
Native American		0.0		0.0
White		6.8		2.8
CHILD ABUSE (1996)				
Number of reports				415
Rate (per 1,000)				74.9
GUN INJURIES & DEATHS (1997)		Ages 0-17		Ages 0-5
Injuries		0		0
Deaths		1		0
MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES & DEATHS (1998)		Ages 0-17		Ages 0-5
Injuries		43		9
Deaths		1		0

Colusa County  
Rankings

## Family Economics

Children living in poverty (0-17)	30 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	36 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	17 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	17 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	15 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	1 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	55 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	NA / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	3 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	22 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	27 / 48
Child support: \$ collected	25 / 48

## Health

Late/no prenatal care	43 / 49
Low birthweight infants	NR / 49
Infant mortality	NR / 37
Teen births	32 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	43 / 58

## Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	1 / 57
Average class size	6 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	25 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	31 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	42 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	15 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	18 / 56

## Safety

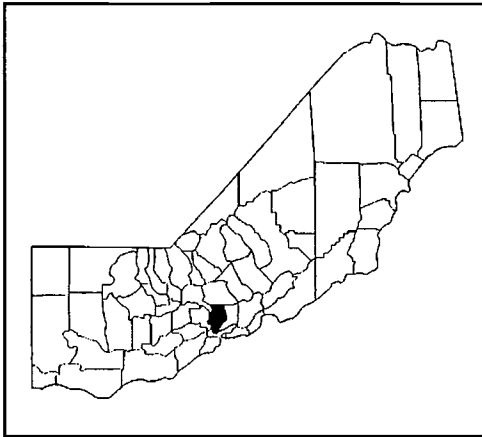
Foster care rate (0-17)	15 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	NR / 48
Child abuse	20 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	32 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	NR / 44

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# Contra Costa County



## County Highlights

Contra Costa County has one of the larger populations of children in California. Its poverty rate among young children and children under eighteen is well below the state average. Additionally, Contra Costa ranks well compared to other counties in the percent of mothers with at least a high school degree. Contra Costa is one of the more expensive places to raise children, with relatively high infant and preschool child care costs, as well as high housing costs. The county has lower than average per pupil expenditures and larger than average class sizes.

## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	911,540	234,329	77,056	100%
African-American	84,847	26,817	8,930	12%
Asian	109,057	31,481	10,253	13%
Latino	122,544	44,555	17,115	22%
Native American	4,897	968	231	<1%
White	590,195	130,508	40,527	53%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		12,294		

## Family Economics

### CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)

Percent	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
12.3%	Percent Ages 0-17	15.0%

### CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)

Percent	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
10.5%	Percent Ages 0-17	12.2%
36.9%	Percent Ages 0-17	43.7%
8.1%	Percent Ages 0-17	7.0%
9.6%	Percent Ages 0-17	10.9%
6.3%	Percent Ages 0-17	5.6%
5.9%	Percent Ages 0-17	7.1%

### CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)

Number of participants	11,677
Percent of all eligible	68.1%

### FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)

Two bedroom	\$812
As percent of minimum wage	84.7%

### BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)

	Number	Percent
All	1,920	15.6%
African-American	221	16.5%
Asian	94	6.6%
Latino	1,191	40.6%
Native American	11	22.0%
White	400	6.4%

### CHILD CARE

Cost/month—infant	1996	1997	1998
Cost/month—preschool	\$689	NA	\$749
Child care centers:	\$481	NA	\$553
% spaces for infants	4%	NA	4%

### CHILD SUPPORT

Percent cases with orders	1996	1997	1998
Money collected mo./case with order	54%	64%	63%
	\$66	\$73	\$92

## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE	1995	1996	1997
All	3.9%	3.3%	2.8%
African-American	4.5%	5.0%	4.0%
Asian	3.6%	3.8%	3.6%
Latino	6.1%	5.1%	4.0%
Native American	5.9%	5.3%	6.0%
White	2.9%	2.1%	1.9%

### PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS

	1995	1996	1997
All	6.0%	6.3%	6.3%
African-American	11.8%	12.4%	11.3%
Asian	7.5%	6.7%	6.4%
Latino	5.0%	4.9%	5.1%
Native American	2.9%	2.6%	6.0%
White	4.8%	5.6%	5.6%

### INFANT MORTALITY RATES (per 1,000)

	1995	1996	1997
All	6.0	5.5	5.1
African-American	20.2	13.1	10.5
Asian	4.2	4.1	5.6
Latino	5.1	4.9	6.8
Native American	29.4	0.0	0.0
White	3.7	4.5	3.4

### TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)

	1995	1996	1997
All	40.1	39.2	36.7
African-American	85.2	76.0	74.7
Asian	20.7	18.1	18.8
Latino	88.5	91.7	85.0
Native American	47.0	39.0	80.0
White	22.4	21.4	17.9

### MOTHERS WHO INITIATE EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING

Percent	1997
	63%

## Education

CLASSROOMS	1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start	NA	52.1%	NA
Average class size	29.6	27.9	27.5
Per pupil expenditure	\$4,193	\$4,522	\$4,932

### STUDENT PROFICIENCY

	1997	1998	1999
Students with limited English Proficiency	10%	11%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.		57%	62%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.		52%	60%

### PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)

Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)	4.9
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)	2.4

## Safety

### FOSTER CARE RATES (1997—per 1,000)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
All	9.6	7.9
African-American	44.1	33.0
Asian	1.0	0.5
Latino	4.6	3.1
Native American	20.4	20.8
White	6.1	6.1

### CHILD ABUSE (1996)

Number of reports	20,382
Rate (per 1,000)	89.6

### GUN INJURIES & DEATHS (1997)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	19	0
Deaths	4	0

### MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES & DEATHS (1998)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	1,049	134
Deaths	7	2

## Contra Costa County Rankings

### Family Economics

Children living in poverty (0-17)	6 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	7 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	19 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	18 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	19 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	50 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	7 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	35 / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	47 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	20 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	33 / 48
Child support: \$ collected	33 / 48

### Health

Late/no prenatal care	18 / 49
Low birthweight infants	35 / 49
Infant mortality	14 / 37
Teen births	12 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	21 / 58

### Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	21 / 57
Average class size	53 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	37 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	15 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	15 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	45 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	19 / 56

### Safety

Foster care rate (0-17)	39 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	28 / 48
Child abuse	23 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	5 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	4 / 44

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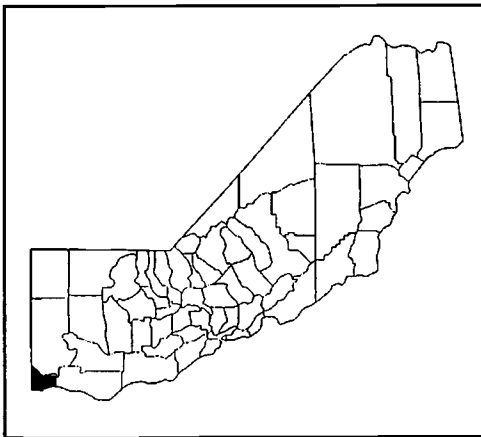
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# Del Norte County



## County Highlights

Del Norte County has a higher percentage of young children and children under eighteen living in poverty. Del Norte has a fairly high incidence of child abuse reports and a high rate of children in foster care. Del Norte County ranks above average in child support collections per cases with orders and has the lowest child care costs in the state.

## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	29,390	7,174	2,102	100%
African-American	1,004	29	8	<1%
Asian	655	319	103	5%
Latino	3,426	981	312	15%
Native American	1,640	616	193	9%
White	22,665	5,229	1,486	71%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		324		

## Family Economics

### CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)

Percent	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
26.7%	Percent Ages 0-17	27.7%

### CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)

	Percent	Percent Ages 0-5
All	27.8%	32.9%
African-American	31.0%	12.5%
Asian	100.0%	92.2%
Latino	10.2%	14.1%
Native American	28.1%	29.5%
White	26.6%	33.2%

### CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)

Number of participants	871
Percent of all eligible	80.4%

### FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)

Two bedroom	\$561
As percent of minimum wage	58.5%

### BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)

	Number	Percent
All	108	33.3%
African-American	NS	NS
Asian	7	50.0%
Latino	30	63.8%
Native American	13	41.9%
White	57	24.9%

### CHILD CARE

Cost/month—infant	1996	1997	1998
Cost/month—preschool	NA	NA	NA
Child care centers:	NA	NA	NA
% spaces for infants	NA	NA	0%

### CHILD SUPPORT

Percent cases with orders	1996	1997	1998
Money collected mo./case with order	70%	47%	32%
	\$69	\$87	\$135

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE	1995	1996	1997
All	6.8%	3.3%	3.4%
African-American	NS	NS	NS
Asian	29.4%	6.3%	21.4%
Latino	6.8%	4.9%	2.1%
Native American	14.8%	0.0%	3.2%
White	4.1%	3.3%	2.6%

PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS	1995	1996	1997
All	4.5%	4.5%	7.4%
African-American	NS	NS	NS
Asian	0.0%	6.3%	14.3%
Latino	4.5%	0.0%	8.5%
Native American	14.8%	3.2%	12.9%
White	3.6%	5.3%	5.7%

INFANT MORTALITY RATES (per 1,000)	1995	1996	1997
All	16.1	3.0	15.4
African-American	NS	NS	NS
Asian	58.8	0.0	0.0
Latino	22.7	0.0	0.0
Native American	37.0	0.0	32.3
White	9.1	4.1	17.5

TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)	1995	1996	1997
All	69.2	57.2	61.3
African-American	NS	NS	NS
Asian	130.4	43.5	66.7
Latino	89.9	51.0	37.7
Native American	97.6	87.5	123.6
White	62.0	55.6	56.4

MOTHERS WHO INITIATE EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING	1997
Percent	69%

## Education

CLASSROOMS	1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start	NA	39.7%	NA
Average class size	27.8	26.2	26.4
Per pupil expenditure	\$4,480	\$4,782	\$5,660

STUDENT PROFICIENCY	1997	1998	1999
Students with limited English Proficiency	6%	5%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.		50%	38%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.		43%	46%

PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)	
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)	8.2
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)	0.0

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES (1997—per 1,000)	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
All	14.8	12.1
African-American	142.9	0.0
Asian	29.0	28.3
Latino	6.3	13.6
Native American	19.1	0.0
White	14.2	12.3

CHILD ABUSE (1996)	
Number of reports	1,135
Rate (per 1,000)	161.3

GUN INJURIES & DEATHS (1997)	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	0	0
Deaths	1	0

MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES & DEATHS (1998)	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	72	9
Deaths	1	0

## Del Norte County Rankings

Family Economics	
Children living in poverty (0-17)	43 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	40 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	56 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	58 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	6 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	24 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	35 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	NA / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	1 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	47 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	42 / 48
Child support: \$ collected	19 / 48

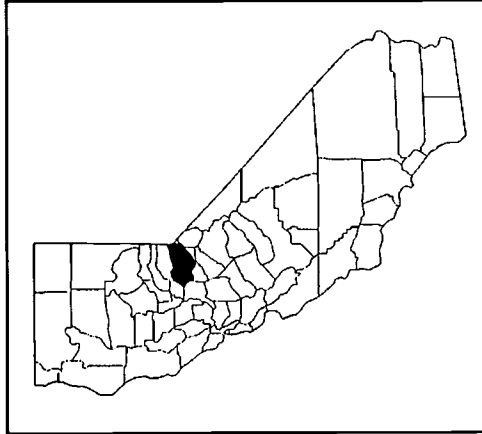
Health	
Late/no prenatal care	25 / 49
Low birthweight infants	23 / 49
Infant mortality	NR / 37
Teen births	37 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	16 / 58

Education	
Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	49 / 57
Average class size	34 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	13 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	56 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	48 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	27 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	51 / 56

Safety	
Foster care rate (0-17)	52 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	42 / 48
Child abuse	50 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	NR / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	NR / 44

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# El Dorado County



## County Highlights

El Dorado County ranks well in many child well-being indicators, including the percent of children living in poverty and the percent of all child support cases with an order to pay. The county also has a low rate of teen births and a higher than average percentage of new mothers with at least a high school degree. El Dorado has a high incidence of low birth-weight infants compared to other counties across California.

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## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	151,737	38,249	11,085	100%
African-American	706	187	42	<1%
Asian	3,422	996	387	3%
Latino	12,536	4,820	1,908	17%
Native American	1,494	372	100	1%
White	133,579	31,874	8,648	78%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		1,666		

## Family Economics

### CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)

Percent	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
11.6%	Percent Ages 0-17	13.5%

### CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)

Percent	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
6.7%	Percent Ages 0-17	8.7%
10.7%		11.9%
1.3%		1.6%
6.2%		7.4%
4.3%		10.0%
7.0%		9.2%

### CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)

Number of participants	1,462
Percent of all eligible	48.4%

### FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)

Two bedroom	\$648
As percent of minimum wage	67.6%

### BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)

	Number	Percent
All	264	15.8%
African-American	2	20.0%
Asian	9	16.7%
Latino	163	49.5%
Native American	2	14.3%
White	87	7.0%

### CHILD CARE

Cost/month—infant	1996	1997	1998
Cost/month—preschool	\$516	NA	\$440
Child care centers:	\$390	NA	\$407
% spaces for infants	3%	NA	6%

### CHILD SUPPORT

Percent cases with orders	1996	1997	1998
Money collected mo./case with order	78%	85%	87%
	\$82	\$88	\$94



## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE	1995	1996	1997
All	3.0%	2.7%	3.2%
African-American	NS	NS	20.0%
Asian	1.6%	3.4%	5.6%
Latino	5.4%	6.6%	5.5%
Native American	7.1%	25.0%	7.1%
White	2.4%	1.4%	2.3%

PERCENT LOW  
BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS

	1995	1996	1997
All	5.6%	6.4%	6.6%
African-American	NS	NS	20.0%
Asian	12.7%	3.4%	5.6%
Latino	5.4%	9.3%	8.8%
Native American	0.0%	8.3%	7.1%
White	5.3%	5.7%	5.8%

INFANT MORTALITY  
RATES (per 1,000)

	1995	1996	1997
All	3.5	6.0	1.8
African-American	NS	NS	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0
Latino	0.0	9.0	0.0
Native American	0.0	0.0	0.0
White	4.4	5.6	2.4

## TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)

	1995	1996	1997
All	35.8	29.1	29.0
African-American	0.0	38.5	43.5
Asian	21.1	0.0	9.6
Latino	117.2	94.7	101.5
Native American	68.5	68.5	39.5
White	27.9	22.4	21.8

MOTHERS WHO INITIATE  
EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING

Percent	1997
	61%

## Education

CLASSROOMS	1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start	NA	78.4%	NA
Average class size	29.1	27.0	26.6
Per pupil expenditure	\$4,120	\$4,528	\$4,742

## STUDENT PROFICIENCY

	1997	1998	1999
Students with limited English Proficiency	5%	4%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.		62%	67%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.		55%	64%

## PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)

	1997	1998	1999
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)			6.5
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)			1.2

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES  
(1997—per 1,000)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
All	7.6	7.5
African-American	94.7	181.8
Asian	9.5	15.8
Latino	4.3	3.7
Native American	39.2	74.5
White	7.1	6.3

## CHILD ABUSE (1996)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Number of reports		2,686
Rate (per 1,000)		71.5

## GUN INJURIES &amp; DEATHS (1997)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	2	0
Deaths	1	0

MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES  
& DEATHS (1998)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	313	21
Deaths	1	0

El Dorado County  
Rankings

## Family Economics

Children living in poverty (0-17)	5 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	4 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	6 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	8 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	54 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	35 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	6 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	8 / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	30 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	9 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	5 / 48
Child support: \$ collected	21 / 48

## Health

Late/no prenatal care	9 / 46
Low birthweight infants	36 / 46
Infant mortality	NR / 46
Teen births	4 / 46
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	28 / 58

## Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	7 / 57
Average class size	49 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	42 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	6 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	6 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	35 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	34 / 56

## Safety

Foster care rate (0-17)	26 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	21 / 48
Child abuse	18 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	39 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	NR / 44

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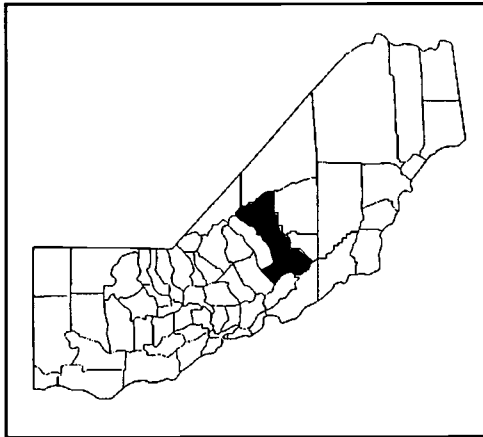
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# Fresno County



## County Highlights

With a young poverty child rate of 42% and a child poverty rate of 36%, Fresno ranks near to last and next to last respectively in one of the more critical determinants of child well-being. Fresno also ranks next to last (36th of 37 ranked counties) in infant mortality and has a high incidence of low birthweight infants, teen mothers, mothers with less than twelve years education and foster care children. In recent years, Fresno has improved its rate of prenatal care services to pregnant women and now ranks 19th among 49 ranked counties in California.

## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	789,319	257,270	91,066	100%
African-American	37,946	14,462	5,309	6%
Asian	80,665	35,477	11,761	13%
Latino	304,895	121,515	47,301	52%
Native American	6,858	2,025	695	1%
White	358,955	83,791	26,000	29%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		14,116		

## Family Economics

CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)			Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
Percent			36.3%	42.2%
CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)			Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-5
All			27.4%	29.3%
African-American			53.2%	60.3%
Asian			55.5%	47.1%
Latino			27.9%	30.5%
Native American			11.1%	10.4%
White			10.7%	13.3%
CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)				
Number of participants			18,505	
Percent of all eligible			36.7%	
FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)				
Two bedroom			\$533	
As percent of minimum wage			55.6%	

BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)				Number	Percent	
All				6,196	43.9%	
African-American				261	33.0%	
Asian				756	52.7%	
Latino				4,593	57.5%	
Native American				41	45.1%	
White				544	14.3%	
CHILD CARE				1996	1997	1998
Cost/month—infant				\$546	NA	\$543
Cost/month—preschool				\$407	NA	\$407
Child care centers:				6%	NA	5%
% spaces for infants						
CHILD SUPPORT				1996	1997	1998
Percent cases with orders				71%	78%	83%
Money collected mo./ case with order				\$73	\$75	\$78

## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE	1995	1996	1997
All	3.2%	3.3%	3.7%
African-American	4.7%	4.7%	5.7%
Asian	1.1%	1.7%	2.3%
Latino	3.8%	4.0%	4.2%
Native American	3.9%	6.6%	2.2%
White	2.7%	2.1%	2.6%
<b>PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>
All	6.7%	6.5%	6.6%
African-American	13.5%	12.2%	12.0%
Asian	5.9%	6.4%	5.9%
Latino	6.4%	6.3%	6.5%
Native American	5.9%	6.6%	3.3%
White	6.2%	5.8%	6.1%
<b>INFANT MORTALITY RATES (per 1,000)</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>
All	8.3	7.9	8.4
African-American	15.8	20.7	17.7
Asian	7.5	5.3	3.5
Latino	6.6	6.8	8.9
Native American	9.8	0.0	0.0
White	10.2	8.8	7.4
<b>TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>
All	94.7	85.7	83.9
African-American	127.3	128.6	108.0
Asian	83.4	72.0	61.5
Latino	141.7	125.2	128.4
Native American	79.4	91.5	64.6
White	40.6	38.6	37.1
<b>MOTHERS WHO INITIATE EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING</b>			<b>1997</b>
Percent			37%

## Education

CLASSROOMS	1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start	NA	32.1%	NA
Average class size	27.9	26.1	26.2
Per pupil expenditure	\$4,263	\$4,612	\$4,936
<b>STUDENT PROFICIENCY</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>
Students with limited English Proficiency	27%	27%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.		42%	45%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.		46%	53%
<b>PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)</b>			
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)			3.6
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)			0.5

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES (1997—per 1,000)	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
All	12.0	11.1
African-American	54.2	47.0
Asian	1.2	1.2
Latino	10.5	9.2
Native American	21.5	20.6
White	11.2	11.6
<b>CHILD ABUSE (1996)</b>		
Number of reports		26,547
Rate (per 1,000)		105.3
<b>GUN INJURIES &amp; DEATHS (1997)</b>	<b>Ages 0-17</b>	<b>Ages 0-5</b>
Injuries	40	2
Deaths	11	0
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES &amp; DEATHS (1998)</b>	<b>Ages 0-17</b>	<b>Ages 0-5</b>
Injuries	1,591	279
Deaths	17	3

## Fresno County Rankings

### Family Economics

Children living in poverty (0-17)	57 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	56 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	54 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	51 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	58 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	20 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	51 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	20 / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	31 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	15 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	13 / 48
Child support: \$ collected	36 / 48

### Health

Late/no prenatal care	19 / 49
Low birthweight infants	45 / 49
Infant mortality	36 / 37
Teen births	49 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	44 / 58

### Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	56 / 57
Average class size	31 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	28 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	46 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	29 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	52 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	47 / 56

### Safety

Foster care rate (0-17)	46 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	41 / 48
Child abuse	31 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	24 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	41 / 44

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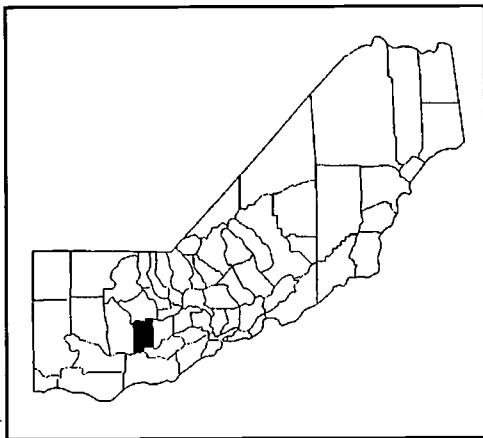
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# Glenn County



## County Highlights

Glenn County has the lowest rate of low birthweight births among 49 ranked counties. School children experience smaller class sizes than their counterparts in many other counties. Glenn County's young child poverty rate is nearly 30% and, compared to other counties, Glenn County experiences a high incidence of births to mothers with less than a high school degree.

## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	27,607	8,315	2,742	100%
African-American	137	25	7	<1%
Asian	1,262	679	241	9%
Latino	6,807	2,808	1,062	39%
Native American	490	146	40	1%
White	18,911	4,657	1,392	51%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		427		

## Family Economics

### CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)

Percent	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
26.0%	Percent Ages 0-17	29.2%

### CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)

All	Percent	Percent Ages 0-5
African-American	18.8%	20.6%
Asian	28.0%	42.9%
Latino	70.7%	51.0%
Native American	10.9%	13.7%
White	46.6%	65.0%
	15.1%	19.2%

### CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)

Number of participants	1,152
Percent of all eligible	78.2%

### FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)

Two bedroom	\$474
As percent of minimum wage	49.5%

### BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)

	Number	Percent
All	178	41.7%
African-American	NS	NS
Asian	18	69.2%
Latino	108	59.3%
Native American	NS	NS
White	50	23.5%

### CHILD CARE

Cost/month—infant	1996	1997	1998
Cost/month—preschool	NA	NA	NA
Child care centers:	NA	NA	NA
% spaces for infants	NA	NA	0%

### CHILD SUPPORT

Percent cases with orders	1996	1997	1998
Money collected mo./case with order	70%	63%	62%
	\$66	\$84	\$90

## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE		1995	1996	1997
All		7.2%	5.2%	3.3%
African-American		NS	NS	NS
Asian		8.1%	3.0%	3.8%
Latino		10.7%	7.7%	4.4%
Native American		22.2%	NS	NS
White		4.3%	3.7%	2.3%
PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS		1995	1996	1997
All		4.1%	3.6%	4.7%
African-American		NS	NS	NS
Asian		10.8%	3.0%	3.8%
Latino		1.9%	2.7%	4.9%
Native American		0.0%	NS	NS
White		4.3%	4.6%	4.2%
INFANT MORTALITY RATES (per 1,000)		1995	1996	1997
All		2.3	2.3	7.0
African-American		NS	NS	NS
Asian		0.0	0.0	0.0
Latino		0.0	0.0	11.0
Native American		0.0	NS	NS
White		4.3	4.6	4.7
TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)		1995	1996	1997
All		62.3	56.6	57.1
African-American		NS	142.9	NS
Asian		64.5	46.2	43.5
Latino		104.0	104.2	83.9
Native American		0.0	83.3	0.0
White		48.5	38.8	47.6
MOTHERS WHO INITIATE EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING		1997		
Percent		49%		

## Education

CLASSROOMS		1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start		NA	67.9%	NA
Average class size		24.2	22.7	22.4
Per pupil expenditure		\$4,266	\$4,702	\$5,007
STUDENT PROFICIENCY		1997	1998	1999
Students with limited English Proficiency		18%	18%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.			45%	42%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.			46%	54%
PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)				
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)		14.2		
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)		1.6		

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES (1997—per 1,000)		Ages 0-17		Ages 0-5	
All		13.4		13.3	
African-American		41.7		200.0	
Asian		4.6		0.0	
Latino		3.8		0.0	
Native American		26.7		0.0	
White		19.5		24.7	
CHILD ABUSE (1996)					
Number of reports		1,042			
Rate (per 1,000)		128.1			
GUN INJURIES & DEATHS (1997)		Ages 0-17		Ages 0-5	
Injuries		1		0	
Deaths		1		0	
MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES & DEATHS (1998)		Ages 0-17		Ages 0-5	
Injuries		68		10	
Deaths		3		0	

## Glenn County Rankings

### Family Economics

Children living in poverty (0-17)	42 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	45 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	36 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	31 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	10 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	1 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	49 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	NA / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	18 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	47 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	26 / 48
Child support: \$ collected	30 / 48

### Health

Late/no prenatal care	29 / 49
Low birthweight infants	1 / 49
Infant mortality	NR / 37
Teen births	30 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	38 / 58

### Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	10 / 57
Average class size	9 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	24 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	51 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	27 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	14 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	24 / 56

### Safety

Foster care rate (0-17)	42 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	NR / 48
Child abuse	43 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	29 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	36 / 44

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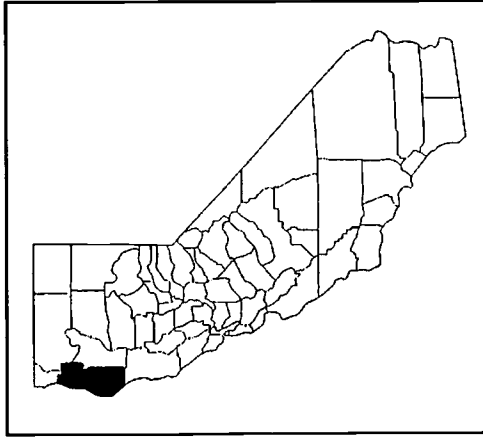
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# Humboldt County



## County Highlights

Humboldt County has a higher than average percentage of children living in poverty. Expectant mothers are somewhat less likely to receive prenatal care services compared to those in other counties. Humboldt families experiences relatively few low birth-weight infants compared to families in other counties. Humboldt's average child support collection of \$135 per cases with orders is well above the state average.

## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	126,862	31,500	9,417	100%
African-American	1,105	301	87	1%
Asian	3,349	1,279	373	4%
Latino	6,543	2,297	786	8%
Native American	7,136	2,495	825	9%
White	108,729	25,128	7,346	78%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		1,478		

## Family Economics

### CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)

Percent	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
	24.2%	27.2%

### CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)

	Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-5
All	19.5%	22.7%
African-American	48.8%	87.4%
Asian	37.8%	34.3%
Latino	11.1%	14.2%
Native American	32.0%	34.1%
White	17.7%	21.0%

### CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)

Number of participants	2,497
Percent of all eligible	56.4%

### FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)

Two bedroom	\$564
As percent of minimum wage	58.9%

### BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)

	Number	Percent
All	264	17.9%
African-American	3	18.8%
Asian	12	30.0%
Latino	65	49.2%
Native American	38	29.7%
White	146	12.7%

### CHILD CARE

Cost/month—infant	1996	1997	1998
Cost/month—preschool	\$481	NA	\$456
Child care centers:	\$347	NA	\$372
% spaces for infants	3%	NA	4%

### CHILD SUPPORT

Percent cases with orders	1996	1997	1998
Money collected mo./case with order	76%	77%	79%
	\$130	\$146	\$129



## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE	1995	1996	1997
All	7.2%	5.2%	4.8%
African-American	7.7%	9.1%	18.8%
Asian	6.6%	7.4%	2.5%
Latino	4.2%	4.7%	6.1%
Native American	14.8%	8.8%	9.4%
White	6.7%	4.7%	3.9%

PERCENT LOW  
BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS

	1995	1996	1997
All	4.9%	5.0%	4.0%
African-American	7.7%	9.1%	0.0%
Asian	0.0%	7.4%	0.0%
Latino	9.3%	4.7%	5.3%
Native American	2.8%	2.2%	2.3%
White	4.9%	5.2%	4.2%

INFANT MORTALITY  
RATES (per 1,000)

	1995	1996	1997
All	8.9	4.7	4.1
African-American	0.0	90.9	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0
Latino	8.5	0.0	0.0
Native American	14.1	7.4	7.8
White	8.9	4.3	4.3

## TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)

	1995	1996	1997
All	53.2	45.2	40.9
African-American	66.7	43.5	47.6
Asian	44.8	47.9	5.8
Latino	80.0	98.5	65.7
Native American	96.2	84.0	69.9
White	46.6	36.7	37.2

MOTHERS WHO INITIATE  
EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING

	1997
Percent	77%

## Education

CLASSROOMS	1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start	NA	45.1%	NA
Average class size	25.0	24.3	23.9
Per pupil expenditure	\$4,298	\$4,745	\$5,108

## STUDENT PROFICIENCY

	1997	1998	1999
Students with limited English Proficiency	3%	3%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.		54%	55%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.		42%	50%

## PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)

Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)	10.1
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)	4.4

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES  
(1997—per 1,000)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
All	9.8	8.9
African-American	16.4	35.7
Asian	0.0	0.0
Latino	2.7	1.3
Native American	25.7	23.7
White	9.3	8.1

## CHILD ABUSE (1996)

Number of reports	7,043
Rate (per 1,000)	221.6

## GUN INJURIES &amp; DEATHS (1997)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	2	0
Deaths	2	0

MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES  
& DEATHS (1998)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	205	18
Deaths	3	2

Humboldt County  
Rankings

## Family Economics

Children living in poverty (0-17)	36 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	37 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	37 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	38 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	45 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	27 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	14 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	10 / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	23 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	24 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	11 / 48
Child support: \$ collected	4 / 48

## Health

Late/no prenatal care	37 / 49
Low birthweight infants	4 / 49
Infant mortality	18 / 37
Teen births	17 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	6 / 58

## Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	33 / 57
Average class size	15 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	20 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	25 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	37 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	19 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	10 / 56

## Safety

Foster care rate (0-17)	41 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	38 / 48
Child abuse	52 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	43 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	39 / 44

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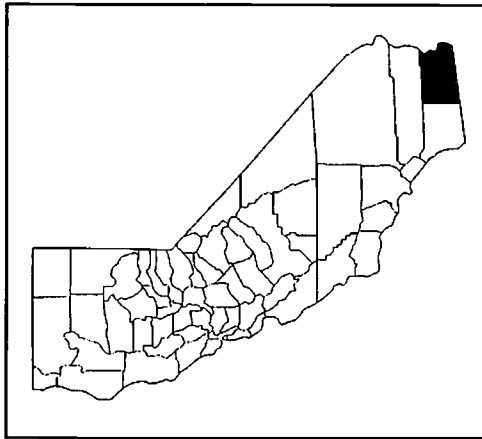
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# he children of Imperial County



## County Highlights

Nearly half (49.5%) of children under five and over a third of children under eighteen live in families under the poverty level in Imperial County, one of the fastest growing counties in California. Imperial has a higher than average percentage of mothers who do not receive prenatal care services. Imperial ranks extremely well compared to other California counties in its infant mortality and low birthweight infant rates. Imperial has one of the lowest child care costs of any county in California.

## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	146,409	47,320	16,513	100%
African-American	5,358	692	216	1%
Asian	2,280	522	152	1%
Latino	104,437	38,966	14,261	86%
Native American	1,404	352	16	<1%
White	32,930	6,788	1,868	11%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		2,381		

## Family Economics

CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)		Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
Percent		33.4%	49.5%
CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)		Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-5
All		24.2%	24.7%
African-American		39.6%	44.9%
Asian		7.9%	12.5%
Latino		25.7%	25.1%
Native American		39.5%	275.0%
White		14.2%	18.6%
CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)			
Number of participants		5,034	
Percent of all eligible		61.3%	
FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)			
Two bedroom		\$523	
As percent of minimum wage		54.6%	
BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)		Number	Percent
All		810	34.0%
African-American		9	33.3%
Asian		6	18.2%
Latino		757	37.1%
Native American		NS	NS
White		37	13.5%
CHILD CARE		1996	1997
Cost/month—infant		\$377	NA
Cost/month—preschool		\$321	NA
Child care centers:		8%	NA
% spaces for infants			6%
CHILD SUPPORT		1996	1997
Percent cases with orders		73%	81%
Money collected mo./case with order		\$82	\$118
			\$110

## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE	1995	1996	1997
All	7.9%	8.4%	7.9%
African-American	8.7%	7.9%	7.4%
Asian	4.3%	5.0%	0.0%
Latino	8.0%	8.8%	8.3%
Native American	NS	NS	NS
White	7.5%	5.9%	4.7%

## PERCENT LOW

BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS	1995	1996	1997
All	5.0%	4.4%	4.8%
African-American	8.7%	2.6%	11.1%
Asian	13.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Latino	4.9%	4.6%	4.8%
Native American	NS	NS	NS
White	4.8%	3.1%	5.1%

INFANT MORTALITY  
RATES (per 1,000)

	1995	1996	1997
All	4.9	4.4	2.5
African-American	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0
Latino	4.9	4.7	2.9
Native American	NS	NS	NS
White	6.0	3.1	0.0

## TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)

	1995	1996	1997
All	63.5	63.4	60.5
African-American	85.1	80.0	68.0
Asian	15.6	29.4	12.8
Latino	71.2	70.9	65.2
Native American	0.0	0.0	0.0
White	30.1	31.2	40.9

MOTHERS WHO INITIATE  
EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING

Percent	1997
	18%

## Education

CLASSROOMS	1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start	NA	38.2%	NA
Average class size	27.3	26.1	25.6
Per pupil expenditure	\$4,213	\$4,498	\$4,835

## STUDENT PROFICIENCY

	1997	1998	1999
Students with limited English Proficiency	48%	46%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.		36%	47%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.		42%	52%

## PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)

	Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)	8.4
	Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)	0.4

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES  
(1997—per 1,000)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
All	5.6	4.1
African-American	32.5	52.4
Asian	0.0	0.0
Latino	3.9	2.8
Native American	53.4	250.0
White	10.1	7.9

## CHILD ABUSE (1996)

	Number of reports	2,812
	Rate (per 1,000)	60.9

## GUN INJURIES &amp; DEATHS (1997)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	3	1
Deaths	2	0

MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES  
& DEATHS (1998)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	233	37
Deaths	8	1

Imperial County  
Rankings

## Family Economics

Children living in poverty (0-17)	53 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	58 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	48 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	40 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	34 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	17 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	40 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	3 / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	10 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	10 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	9 / 48
Child support: \$ collected	10 / 48

## Health

Late/no prenatal care	46 / 49
Low birthweight infants	6 / 49
Infant mortality	2 / 37
Teen births	38 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	58 / 58

## Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	51 / 57
Average class size	26 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	41 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	39 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	31 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	25 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	49 / 56

## Safety

Foster care rate (0-17)	18 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	10 / 48
Child abuse	8 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	15 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	27 / 44

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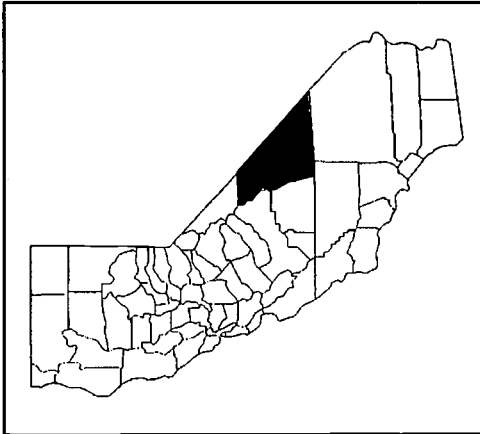
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# Inyo County



## County Highlights

Inyo County's school children experience one of the smallest average class sizes in California. Inyo's per pupil expenditure is one of the highest in the state. Inyo ranks below the state average in the percentage of mothers who receive prenatal care services and in the percentage of low birthweight infants. Inyo has few spaces available for infants in licensed child care centers compared to other counties in the state.

## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	18,295	4,372	1,328	100%
African-American	76	15	3	<1%
Asian	206	61	27	2%
Latino	1,941	794	341	26%
Native American	1,778	574	186	14%
White	14,294	2,928	771	58%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		190		

## Family Economics

### CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)

Percent	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
18.9%	Percent Ages 0-17	23.5%

### CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)

All	Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-5
African-American	13.6%	19.1%
Asian	6.7%	NS
Latino	8.2%	7.4%
Native American	12.1%	16.4%
White	25.1%	31.2%
	12.0%	17.6%

### CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)

Number of participants	514
Percent of all eligible	71.0%

### FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)

Two bedroom	\$540
As percent of minimum wage	56.3%

### BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)

	Number	Percent
All	53	27.9%
African-American	NS	NS
Asian	NS	NS
Latino	34	85.0%
Native American	4	13.8%
White	14	11.9%

### CHILD CARE

Cost/month—infant	1996	1997	1998
Cost/month—pre-school	\$624	NA	n/a
Child care centers:	\$386	NA	\$405
% spaces for infants	NA	NA	0%

### CHILD SUPPORT

Percent cases with orders	1996	1997	1998
Money collected mo./case with order	81%	NR	NR
	\$89	NR	NR

## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE				
	1995	1996	1997	
All	9.5%	9.0%	5.8%	
African-American	NS	NS	NS	
Asian	NS	NS	NS	
Latino	10.5%	5.9%	7.5%	
Native American	18.2%	20.0%	13.8%	
White	8.0%	7.4%	3.4%	
PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS				
	1995	1996	1997	
All	6.6%	7.7%	5.8%	
African-American	NS	NS	NS	
Asian	NS	NS	NS	
Latino	3.9%	2.0%	0.0%	
Native American	9.1%	20.0%	0.0%	
White	7.2%	7.4%	8.5%	
INFANT MORTALITY RATES (per 1,000)				
	1995	1996	1997	
All	4.1	9.0	10.5	
African-American	NS	NS	NS	
Asian	NS	NS	NS	
Latino	0.0	19.6	0.0	
Native American	0.0	33.3	0.0	
White	7.2	0.0	16.9	
TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)				
	1995	1996	1997	
All	49.5	57.9	52.4	
African-American	NS	NS	NS	
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Latino	93.3	142.9	94.1	
Native American	42.6	68.2	75.0	
White	45.4	43.8	39.7	
MOTHERS WHO INITIATE EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING				
	1997			
Percent	63%			

## Education

CLASSROOMS				
	1996	1997	1998	
% eligible in Head Start	NA	54.1%	NA	
Average class size	22.8	20.7	19.4	
Per pupil expenditure	\$5,423	\$5,654	\$6,097	
STUDENT PROFICIENCY				
	1997	1998	1999	
Students with limited English Proficiency	6%	6%	NA	
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.		50%	54%	
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.		47%	60%	
PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)				
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)			51.6	
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)			0.3	
Safety				
FOSTER CARE RATES (1997—per 1,000)				
	Ages 0-17		Ages 0-5	
All	5.0	3.0	NS	
African-American	66.7	0.0	0.0	
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Latino	1.3	0.0	0.0	
Native American	13.8	0.0	0.0	
White	4.0	3.8		
CHILD ABUSE (1996)				
Number of reports			498	
Rate (per 1,000)			112.9	
GUN INJURIES & DEATHS (1997)				
	Ages 0-17		Ages 0-5	
Injuries	0	0	0	
Deaths	0	0	0	
MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES & DEATHS (1998)				
	Ages 0-17		Ages 0-5	
Injuries	36	3		
Deaths	2	0		

Inyo County  
Rankings

## Family Economics

Children living in poverty (0-17)	23 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	29 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	26 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	29 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	14 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	22 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	30 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	NA / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	29 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	47 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	NR / 48
Child support: \$ collected	NR / 48

## Health

Late/no prenatal care	47 / 49
Low birthweight infants	47 / 49
Infant mortality	NR / 37
Teen births	24 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	21 / 58

## Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	19 / 57
Average class size	5 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	4 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	27 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	15 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	5 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	50 / 56

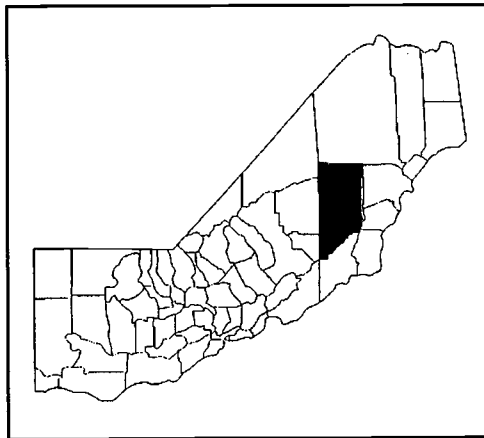
## Safety

Foster care rate (0-17)	8 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	NR / 48
Child abuse	36 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	46 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	NR / 44

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# For the children of Kern County



## County Highlights

Over one third of young children under age five live in families with incomes below the poverty level in Kern County, one of the fastest growing counties in the California. Kern has a relatively high incidence of teens giving birth. Although Kern ranks below the state average in its rate of expectant mothers accessing prenatal care and its infant mortality rate, it has improved in both areas in recent years. Kern is able to secure child support orders for families who need them at a rate higher than the state average.

## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	648,157	207,346	72,688	100%
African-American	38,115	12,840	4,527	6%
Asian	20,774	6,332	2,329	3%
Latino	207,133	87,923	35,397	49%
Native American	6,808	1,558	452	1%
White	375,327	98,693	29,983	41%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		11,271		

## Family Economics

CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)		Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
Percent	27.8%	Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-4
<b>CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)</b>			
All	21.2%	24.9%	33.2%
African-American	50.5%	59.6%	
Asian	13.2%	10.4%	
Latino	24.6%	26.3%	
Native American	11.4%	11.9%	
White	15.0%	19.2%	
<b>CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)</b>			
Number of participants	43,781		
Percent of all eligible	116.0%		
<b>FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)</b>			
Two bedroom	\$499		
As percent of minimum wage	52.1%		
<b>BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH &lt;12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)</b>		Number	Percent
All	3,847	34.1%	
African-American	126	18.6%	
Asian	64	18.0%	
Latino	2,990	51.8%	
Native American	12	16.2%	
White	652	15.0%	
<b>CHILD CARE</b>		1996	1997 1998
Cost/month—infant	\$585	NA	\$461
Cost/month—preschool	\$425	NA	\$333
Child care centers:	4%	NA	5%
% spaces for infants			
<b>CHILD SUPPORT</b>		1996	1997 1998
Percent cases with orders	66%	78%	84%
Money collected mo./case with order	\$57	\$79	\$71



## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE	1995	1996	1997
All	7.0%	5.1%	4.3%
African-American	6.4%	5.0%	5.5%
Asian	6.0%	5.0%	2.8%
Latino	8.1%	6.2%	4.9%
Native American	4.8%	0.0%	9.5%
White	6.0%	3.8%	3.3%
<b>PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>
All	6.6%	6.6%	6.0%
African-American	12.3%	13.8%	12.0%
Asian	6.0%	7.3%	7.6%
Latino	6.0%	6.1%	5.4%
Native American	9.5%	11.7%	4.1%
White	6.5%	6.0%	5.6%
<b>INFANT MORTALITY RATES (per 1,000)</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>
All	10.9	9.8	6.7
African-American	21.2	13.2	8.9
Asian	0.0	5.2	0.0
Latino	12.5	9.1	6.6
Native American	11.9	16.7	0.0
White	8.3	10.5	7.3
<b>TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>
All	97.6	85.8	81.5
African-American	124.7	112.0	114.3
Asian	31.6	33.2	31.0
Latino	165.1	145.6	134.6
Native American	80.7	40.2	84.1
White	56.1	49.1	46.1
<b>MOTHERS WHO INITIATE EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING</b>			
Percent	1997	1997	28%

## Education

CLASSROOMS	1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start	NA	35.6%	NA
Average class size	28.0	26.1%	25.8%
Per pupil expenditure	\$4,212	\$4,598	\$4,914
<b>STUDENT PROFICIENCY</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>
Students with limited English Proficiency	18%	19%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.		37%	44%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.		40%	50%
<b>PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)</b>			
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)			5.5
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)			1.0

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES (1997—per 1,000)	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
All	9.7	8.7
African-American	28.7	21.1
Asian	0.5	0.0
Latino	7.1	5.4
Native American	6.5	9.3
White	10.2	11.1
<b>CHILD ABUSE (1996)</b>		
Number of reports		13,491
Rate (per 1,000)		67.4
<b>GUN INJURIES &amp; DEATHS (1997)</b>	<b>Ages 0-17</b>	<b>Ages 0-5</b>
Injuries	29	0
Deaths	8	0
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES &amp; DEATHS (1998)</b>	<b>Ages 0-17</b>	<b>Ages 0-5</b>
Injuries	1,186	198
Deaths	14	2

Kern County  
Rankings

<b>Family Economics</b>	
Children living in poverty (0-17)	49 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	52 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	43 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	42 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	3 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	13 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	43 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	12 / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	15 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	18 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	15 / 48
Child support: \$ collected	44 / 48
<b>Health</b>	
Late/no prenatal care	33 / 49
Low birthweight infants	41 / 49
Infant mortality	37 / 37
Teen births	50 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	53 / 58

## Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	54 / 57
Average class size	28 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	35 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	48 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	37 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	40 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	35 / 56

## Safety

Foster care rate (0-17)	36 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	25 / 48
Child abuse	7 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	23 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	29 / 44

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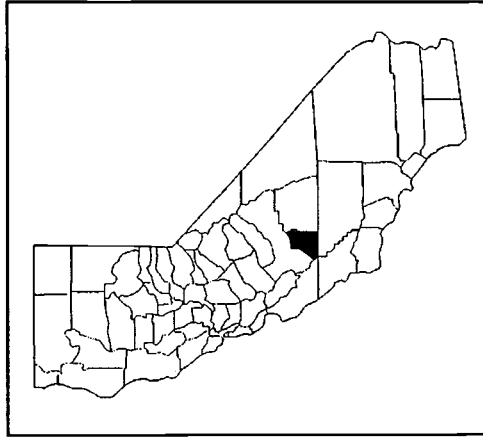
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# Kings County



## County Highlights

Kings County has a high percentage of children living in families with incomes below the poverty level. Kings County third graders rank below the state average in reading and math proficiency. Kings County has a relatively high incidence of teens giving births. Kings County has one of the lower child care costs in the state and is able to secure child support orders for families who need them at a higher rate than the state average.

## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	119,847	37,537	13,444	100%
African-American	9,403	2,128	705	5%
Asian	4,637	1,632	594	4%
Latino	44,978	17,147	6,749	50%
Native American	1,036	328	109	1%
White	59,793	16,302	5,287	39%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		2,084		

## Family Economics

### CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)

Percent	28.6%	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
			30.6%

### CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)

	Percent	Percent	Percent
All	16.6%	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
African-American	34.6%		19.2%
Asian	15.0%		43.3%
Latino	21.6%		13.3%
Native American	11.9%		24.0%
White	9.3%		11.0%
			10.7%

### CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)

Number of participants	3,088
Percent of all eligible	49.6%

### FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)

Two bedroom	\$506
As percent of minimum wage	52.8%

### BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)

	Number	Percent
All	765	36.7%
African-American	25	21.0%
Asian	18	18.6%
Latino	612	55.6%
Native American	6	42.9%
White	102	13.6%

### CHILD CARE

Cost/month—infant	1996	1997	1998
Cost/month—preschool	NA	NA	\$450
Child care centers:	\$282	NA	\$297
% spaces for infants	NA	NA	1%

### CHILD SUPPORT

Percent cases with orders	1996	1997	1998
Money collected mo./case with order	74%	77%	81%
	\$72	\$82	\$89

## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE	1995	1996	1997
All	5.4%	3.9%	2.8%
African-American	7.8%	4.5%	2.5%
Asian	5.4%	2.2%	4.1%
Latino	6.6%	5.0%	3.4%
Native American	12.5%	13.0%	14.3%
White	3.5%	2.3%	1.7%
<b>PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS</b>	1995	1996	1997
All	5.6%	6.3%	5.9%
African-American	9.6%	16.5%	13.4%
Asian	6.5%	4.3%	7.2%
Latino	5.6%	5.5%	5.6%
Native American	0.0%	4.3%	0.0%
White	5.0%	5.9%	4.9%
<b>INFANT MORTALITY RATES (per 1,000)</b>	1995	1996	1997
All	6.1	11.5	5.8
African-American	26.1	37.6	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0
Latino	3.8	11.1	5.5
Native American	0.0	0.0	71.4
White	7.0	9.6	6.7
<b>TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)</b>	1995	1996	1997
All	96.5	91.1	87.1
African-American	123.9	108.9	119.2
Asian	27.3	47.6	41.0
Latino	139.2	139.7	137.6
Native American	96.8	111.1	52.6
White	60.5	48.6	42.9
<b>MOTHERS WHO INITIATE EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING</b>	1997		
Percent			21%

## Education

CLASSROOMS	1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start	NA	40.5%	NA
Average class size	27.2	25.9	25.4
Per pupil expenditure	\$4,221	\$4,556	\$4,944
<b>STUDENT PROFICIENCY</b>	1997	1998	1999
Students with limited English Proficiency	16%	16%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.		38%	42%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.		36%	45%
<b>PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)</b>			
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)			7.5
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)			0.0
<b>Safety</b>			
<b>FOSTER CARE RATES (1997—per 1,000)</b>	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5	
All	5.9	6.5	
African-American	29.5	42.5	
Asian	3.1	1.7	
Latino	4.4	3.9	
Native American	12.0	28.6	
White	4.6	5.1	
<b>CHILD ABUSE (1996)</b>			
Number of reports		4,029	
Rate (per 1,000)		111.3	
<b>GUN INJURIES &amp; DEATHS (1997)</b>	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5	
Injuries	1	0	
Deaths	1	0	
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES &amp; DEATHS (1998)</b>	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5	
Injuries	198	39	
Deaths	3	1	

Kings County  
Rankings

## Family Economics

Children living in poverty (0-17)	51 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	50 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	35 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	32 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	52 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	14 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	45 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	9 / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	5 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	46 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	14 / 48
Child support: \$ collected	28 / 48

## Health

Late/no prenatal care	22 / 49
Low birthweight infants	31 / 49
Infant mortality	34 / 37
Teen births	51 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	57 / 58

## Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	46 / 57
Average class size	23 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	36 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	51 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	50 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	30 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	51 / 56

## Safety

Foster care rate (0-17)	21 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	19 / 48
Child abuse	25 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	21 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	31 / 44

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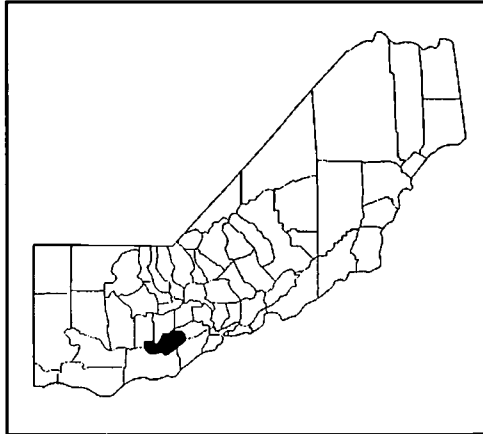
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# Lake County



## County Highlights

Approximately one third (30.1%) of children under age five live in families under the poverty level in Lake County. Lake ranks last of 49 ranked counties in the percentage of mothers receiving prenatal care services. Lake's families are able to secure infant spaces in licensed child care centers at a rate higher than the state average.

## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	56,685	13,532	3,995	100%
African-American	1,319	342	115	3%
Asian	478	126	44	1%
Latino	4,679	1,794	636	16%
Native American	1,132	385	137	3%
White	49,077	10,885	3,063	77%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		565		

## Family Economics

CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)			Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
Percent			29.1%	30.1%
CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)			Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-5
All			28.5%	34.6%
African-American			49.1%	57.4%
Asian			53.2%	54.5%
Latino			15.9%	18.1%
Native American			29.9%	35.8%
White			29.6%	36.8%
CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)				
Number of participants			1,365	
Percent of all eligible			65.8%	
FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)				
Two bedroom			\$575	
As percent of minimum wage			60.0%	

BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)				Number	Percent	
All				140	24.8%	
African-American				1	9.1%	
Asian				1	9.1%	
Latino				45	51.7%	
Native American				14	50.0%	
White				79	18.5%	
CHILD CARE				1996	1997	1998
Cost/month—infant				\$464	NA	\$524
Cost/month—preschool				\$347	NA	\$418
Child care centers:				11%	NA	6%
% spaces for infants						
CHILD SUPPORT				1996	1997	1998
Percent cases with orders				51%	NR	NR
Money collected mo./ case with order				\$83	NR	NR

## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE		1995	1996	1997
All		11.0%	8.4%	7.1%
African-American		10.5%	33.3%	18.2%
Asian		44.4%	0.0%	0.0%
Latino		8.2%	9.9%	4.6%
Native American		21.2%	24.0%	14.3%
White		10.3%	6.5%	7.0%
PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS		1995	1996	1997
All		6.5%	4.8%	5.7%
African-American		10.5%	0.0%	0.0%
Asian		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Latino		4.5%	5.0%	4.6%
Native American		15.2%	0.0%	0.0%
White		6.3%	5.3%	6.6%
INFANT MORTALITY RATES (per 1,000)		1995	1996	1997
All		3.0	6.9	10.6
African-American		0.0	133.3	90.9
Asian		0.0	0.0	0.0
Latino		0.0	0.0	11.5
Native American		0.0	0.0	0.0
White		4.0	4.6	9.4
TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)		1995	1996	1997
All		61.5	64.2	53.1
African-American		108.7	122.4	88.9
Asian		52.6	52.6	0.0
Latino		109.9	122.3	83.8
Native American		150.0	190.5	162.8
White		51.7	51.8	46.0
MOTHERS WHO INITIATE EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING		1997		
Percent		63%		

## Education

CLASSROOMS		1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start		NA	43.8%	NA
Average class size		24.6	23.8	24.1
Per pupil expenditure		\$4,291	\$4,778	\$5,143
STUDENT PROFICIENCY		1997	1998	1999
Students with limited English Proficiency		4%	4%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.			38%	43%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.			37%	45%
PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)				
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)		11.1		
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)		1.3		

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES (1997—per 1,000)		Ages 0-17		Ages 0-5	
All		10.6	8.4		
African-American		57.3	80.0		
Asian		0.0	0.0		
Latino		8.6	3.2		
Native American		34.4	29.2		
White		8.8	6.3		
CHILD ABUSE (1996)					
Number of reports		3,059			
Rate (per 1,000)		229.2			
GUN INJURIES & DEATHS (1997)		Ages 0-17		Ages 0-5	
Injuries		1	0		
Deaths		0	0		
MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES & DEATHS (1998)		Ages 0-17		Ages 0-5	
Injuries		160	15		
Deaths		0	0		

Lake County  
Rankings

## Family Economics

Children living in poverty (0-17)	52 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	48 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	57 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	57 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	23 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	28 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	28 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	19 / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	34 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	13 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	NR / 48
Child support: \$ collected	NR / 48

## Health

Late/no prenatal care	49 / 49
Low birthweight infants	26 / 49
Infant mortality	NR / 37
Teen births	35 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	21 / 58

## Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	37 / 57
Average class size	14 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	18 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	50 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	50 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	16 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	32 / 56

## Safety

Foster care rate (0-17)	38 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	24 / 48
Child abuse	55 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	44 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	32 / 44

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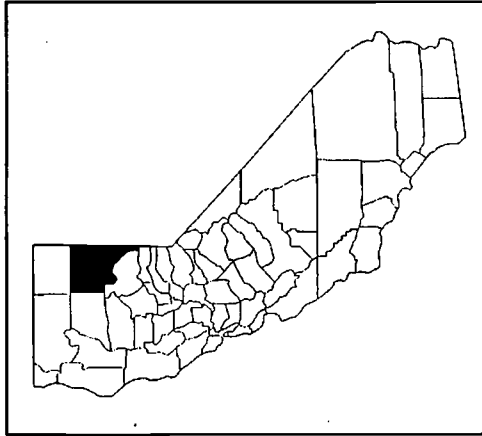
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# Lassen County



## County Highlights

Lassen has a relatively high incidence of child abuse reports and has a high foster care rate compared to other counties in the state. Lassen's children also experience a higher than average incidence of vehicle injuries or deaths. Lassen has a better than average percentage of births to mothers with at least a high school education. Lassen is able to secure more child support orders and collect more child support per cases with orders than many other counties.

## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	34,477	7,193	2,064	100%
African-American	3,207	74	25	1%
Asian	337	69	24	1%
Latino	5,168	907	322	16%
Native American	876	257	77	4%
White	24,889	5,886	1,616	78%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		328		

## Family Economics

### CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)

Percent	17.5%	Children Ages 0-17	22.4%	Children Ages 0-4
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### CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)

All	19.6%	Percent Ages 0-17	27.7%	Percent Ages 0-5
African-American	31.1%		48.0%	
Asian	8.7%		8.3%	
Latino	13%		16.5%	
Native American	43.2%		57.1%	
White	19.5%		28.5%	

### CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)

Number of participants	563
Percent of all eligible	64.0%

### FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)

Two bedroom	\$485
As percent of minimum wage	50.6%

### BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)

All	50	Percent	15.2%
African-American	NS	NS	NS
Asian	NS	NS	NS
Latino	12	30.8%	30.8%
Native American	6	37.5%	37.5%
White	32	12.1%	12.1%

### CHILD CARE

Cost/month—infant	NA	1996	1997	1998
Cost/month—preschool	\$347	NA	NA	NA
Child care centers:	NA	NA	NA	0%
% spaces for infants				

### CHILD SUPPORT

Percent cases with orders	74%	1996	1997	1998
Money collected mo./case with order	\$93	72%	\$97	\$118



## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE	1995	1996	1997
All	7.7%	3.7%	3.4%
African-American	0.0%	NS	NS
Asian	NS	NS	NS
Latino	8.8%	3.0%	5.1%
Native American	18.8%	0.0%	12.5%
White	6.8%	3.7%	2.7%

PERCENT LOW  
BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS

	1995	1996	1997
All	6.7%	2.4%	4.9%
African-American	25.0%	NS	NS
Asian	NS	NS	NS
Latino	2.9%	3.0%	7.7%
Native American	12.5%	9.1%	12.5%
White	6.4%	2.0%	3.8%

INFANT MORTALITY  
RATES (per 1,000)

	1995	1996	1997
All	10.1	3.4	3.0
African-American	0.0	NS	NS
Asian	NS	NS	NS
Latino	0.0	30.3	0.0
Native American	0.0	0.0	0.0
White	12.7	0.0	3.8

## TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)

	1995	1996	1997
All	68.5	49.1	37.8
African-American	250.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	83.3	0.0
Latino	67.6	48.8	62.5
Native American	105.3	85.7	0.0
White	64.1	48.0	37.6

MOTHERS WHO INITIATE  
EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING

	1997
Percent	68%

## Education

CLASSROOMS	1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start	NA	55.6%	NA
Average class size	23.6	22.5	23.3
Per pupil expenditure	\$4,551	\$4,835	\$5,303

## STUDENT PROFICIENCY

	1997	1998	1999
Students with limited English Proficiency	2%	2%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.		51%	54%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.		53%	59%

## PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)

Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)	5.2
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)	1.0

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES  
(1997—per 1,000)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
All	14.3	10.4
African-American	39.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0
Latino	8.1	16.9
Native American	54.7	52.6
White	13.3	7.5

## CHILD ABUSE (1996)

Number of reports	1,467
Rate (per 1,000)	212.0

## GUN INJURIES &amp; DEATHS (1997)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	0	0
Deaths	0	0

MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES  
& DEATHS (1998)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	79	8
Deaths	1	0

Lassen County  
Rankings

## Family Economics

Children living in poverty (0-17)	20 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	23 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	39 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	50 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	29 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	10 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	13 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	NA / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	NA / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	47 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	23 / 48
Child support: \$ collected	13 / 48

## Health

Late/no prenatal care	26 / 49
Low birthweight infants	NR / 49
Infant mortality	NR / 37
Teen births	23 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	17 / 58

## Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	17 / 57
Average class size	10 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	14 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	27 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	17 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	42 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	37 / 56

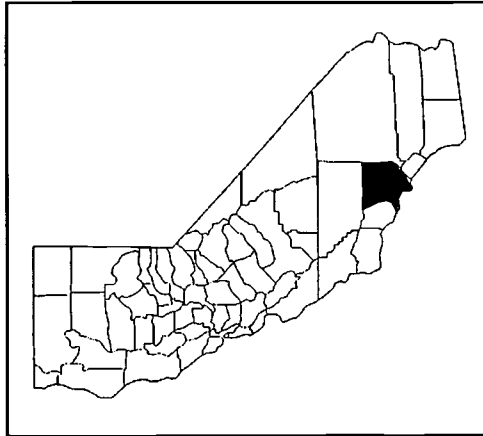
## Safety

Foster care rate (0-17)	53 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	44 / 48
Child abuse	56 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	48 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	44 / 44

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# Los Angeles County



## County Highlights

Los Angeles has the largest population of children in California. Nearly 40% of Los Angeles' children under age five and over one third of its children under age eighteen live in families with poverty-level income. Los Angeles has a lower child abuse report rate than many other counties and one of the highest foster care rates. Los Angeles is able to provide expectant mothers with prenatal care at a rate higher than the state average.

## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	9,623,420	2,803,645	1,042,044	100%
African-American	947,900	277,669	92,937	9%
Asian	1,181,258	302,330	102,105	10%
Latino	4,238,395	1,615,545	652,944	63%
Native American	27,683	5801	1794	<1%
White	3,228,184	602,300	192,264	18%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		162,036		

## Family Economics

### CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)

Percent	33.7%	Children Ages 0-17	39.6%
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### CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)

All	17.9%	Children Ages 0-4	18.6%
African-American	43.4%	Percent Ages 0-5	49.1%
Asian	11.7%		8.7%
Latino	17.6%		18.3%
Native American	12.5%		14.8%
White	10.0%		10.2%

### CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)

Number of participants	385,940
Percent of all eligible	80.2%

### FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)

Two bedroom	\$737
As percent of minimum wage	76.9%

### BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)

All	63,536	Number	Percent
African-American	2,666		39.2%
Asian	1,710		18.3%
Latino	56,677		11.0%
Native American	75		56.5%
White	2,392		24.7%
			7.7%

### CHILD CARE

Cost/month—infant	1996	1997	1998
Cost/month—preschool	\$550	NA	\$595
Child care centers:	\$386	NA	\$462
% spaces for infants	3%	NA	4%

### CHILD SUPPORT

Percent cases with orders	1996	1997	1998
Money collected mo./case with order	35%	52%	60%
	\$71	\$63	\$75

## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE	1995	1996	1997
All	3.6%	3.0%	3.0%
African-American	4.0%	3.4%	3.8%
Asian	2.3%	2.0%	2.2%
Latino	4.1%	3.4%	3.3%
Native American	6.5%	3.2%	3.9%
White	2.2%	1.7%	1.7%

PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS	1995	1996	1997
All	6.4%	6.4%	6.5%
African-American	12.7%	12.3%	12.3%
Asian	6.4%	6.8%	6.9%
Latino	5.6%	5.5%	5.7%
Native American	7.0%	8.6%	7.2%
White	6.1%	6.2%	6.0%

INFANT MORTALITY RATES (per 1,000)	1995	1996	1997
All	6.7	5.9	5.9
African-American	15.2	13.2	12.7
Asian	4.6	4.6	3.7
Latino	5.8	5.2	5.4
Native American	5.9	6.4	0.0
White	6.7	5.6	5.4

TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)	1995	1996	1997
All	77.3	70.3	64.1
African-American	82.3	73.0	69.3
Asian	13.7	12.3	11.9
Latino	116.2	106.3	96.2
Native American	70.5	52.8	58.2
White	26.6	23.8	20.4

MOTHERS WHO INITIATE EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING	1997
Percent	28%

## Education

CLASSROOMS	1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start	NA	40.7%	NA
Average class size	29.9	28.0	27.5
Per pupil expenditure	\$4,428	\$4,626	\$4,996

STUDENT PROFICIENCY	1997	1998	1999
Students with limited English Proficiency	36%	35%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.		41%	47%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.		44%	52%

PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)	
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)	4.0
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)	0.8

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES (1997—per 1,000)	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
All	18.7	16.7
African-American	78.7	69.9
Asian	2.0	1.9
Latino	10.5	9.3
Native American	36.3	39.2
White	19.9	22.1

CHILD ABUSE (1996)	
Number of reports	191,921
Rate (per 1,000)	71.2

GUN INJURIES & DEATHS (1997)	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	415	20
Deaths	145	6

MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES & DEATHS (1998)	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	12,745	2,248
Deaths	74	17

Los Angeles County  
Rankings

Family Economics	
Children living in poverty (0-17)	54 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	55 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	34 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	28 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	8 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	47 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	48 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	24 / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	43 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	29 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	43 / 48
Child support: \$ collected	42 / 48

Health	
Late/no prenatal care	14 / 49
Low birthweight infants	42 / 49
Infant mortality	21 / 37
Teen births	42 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	53 / 58

Education	
Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	45 / 57
Average class size	54 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	22 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	39 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	31 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	48 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	38 / 56

Safety	
Foster care rate (0-17)	56 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	45 / 48
Child abuse	14 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	8 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	15 / 44

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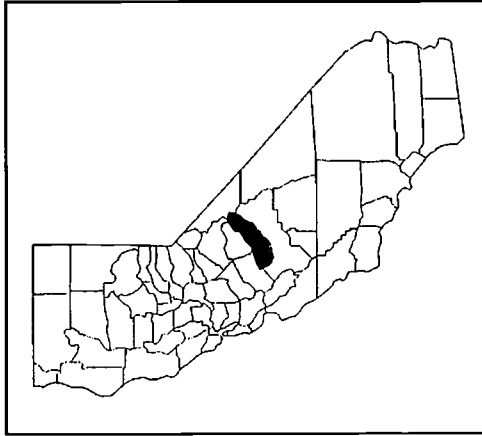
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# Madera County



## County Highlights

One third of Madera's children under age five live in families with incomes below the poverty level. Madera also has a high incidence of teen births compared to other California counties. Madera has one of the lower foster care rates in California. Madera also has among the lowest child care costs in the state.

## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	117,358	34,297	12,341	100%
African-American	5,010	893	303	2%
Asian	1,568	463	162	1%
Latino	44,174	18,014	7,437	60%
Native American	1,263	314	124	1%
White	65,343	14,613	4,315	35%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		1,987		

## Family Economics

### CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)

Percent	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
	27.6%	33.2%

### CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)

	Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-5
All	22.5%	28.3%
African-American	53.6%	62.7%
Asian	15.6%	17.3%
Latino	28.2%	33.4%
Native American	20.7%	20.2%
White	13.9%	17.9%

### CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)

Number of participants	4,431
Percent of all eligible	64.6%

### FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)

Two bedroom	\$533
As percent of minimum wage	55.6%

### BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)

	Number	Percent
All	936	47.1%
African-American	14	25.5%
Asian	2	14.3%
Latino	803	63.3%
Native American	8	38.1%
White	109	17.4%

### CHILD CARE

Cost/month—infant	1996	1997	1998
Cost/month—preschool	NA	NA	\$319
Child care centers:	\$347	NA	\$300
% spaces for infants	NA	NA	4%

### CHILD SUPPORT

Percent cases with orders	1996	1997	1998
Money collected mo./case with order	68%	70%	73%
	\$90	\$99	\$98

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## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE	1995	1996	1997
All	6.5%	4.1%	4.3%
African-American	9.8%	2.6%	3.6%
Asian	5.7%	0.0%	0.0%
Latino	7.5%	5.0%	4.3%
Native American	14.3%	0.0%	0.0%
White	3.8%	2.8%	4.5%

PERCENT LOW  
BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS

	1995	1996	1997
All	5.8%	5.4%	4.7%
African-American	9.8%	18.4%	9.1%
Asian	5.7%	11.1%	7.1%
Latino	5.3%	5.9%	4.5%
Native American	10.7%	0.0%	9.5%
White	6.1%	4.0%	4.5%

INFANT MORTALITY  
RATES (per 1,000)

	1995	1996	1997
All	7.0	6.5	4.0
African-American	0.0	26.3	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0
Latino	6.5	8.1	4.7
Native American	35.7	0.0	0.0
White	7.7	2.8	3.2

## TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)

	1995	1996	1997
All	92.3	83.7	85.8
African-American	102.6	59.2	79.1
Asian	16.7	16.1	0.0
Latino	151.6	145.7	134.5
Native American	172.4	19.6	113.6
White	43.7	39.7	48.7

MOTHERS WHO INITIATE  
EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING

	1997
Percent	34%

## Education

CLASSROOMS	1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start	NA	36.6%	NA
Average class size	28.5	26.9	26.7
Per pupil expenditure	\$4,143	\$4,572	\$4,880

## STUDENT PROFICIENCY

	1997	1998	1999
Students with limited English Proficiency	25%	26%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.	37%	44%	44%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.	40%	48%	48%

## PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)

	1997	1998	1999
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)			5.8
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)			2.2

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES  
(1997—per 1,000)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
All	4.7	4.3
African-American	39.1	25.7
Asian	0.0	0.0
Latino	4.2	3.4
Native American	6.3	16.4
White	3.5	4.2

## CHILD ABUSE (1996)

	4,010	123.3
Number of reports		
Rate (per 1,000)		

## GUN INJURIES &amp; DEATHS (1997)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	1	1
Deaths	2	1

MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES  
& DEATHS (1998)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	313	53
Deaths	7	5

Madera County  
Rankings

## Family Economics

Children living in poverty (0-17)	47 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	53 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	44 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	46 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	27 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	20 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	53 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	1 / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	6 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	30 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	18 / 48
Child support: \$ collected	17 / 48

## Health

Late/no prenatal care	27 / 49
Low birthweight infants	16 / 49
Infant mortality	17 / 37
Teen births	48 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	48 / 58

## Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	53 / 57
Average class size	41 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	39 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	48 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	42 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	38 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	21 / 56

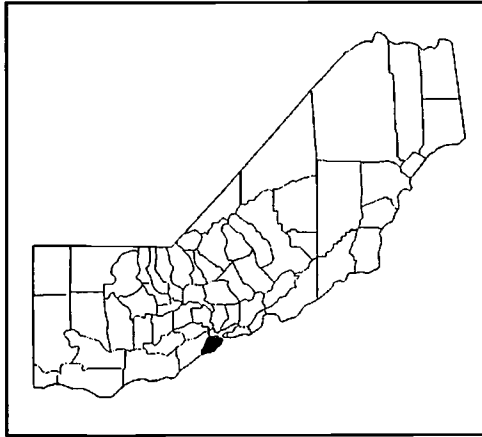
## Safety

Foster care rate (0-17)	12 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	8 / 48
Child abuse	38 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	45 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	42 / 44

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# Marin County



## County Highlights

Marin ranks very well in many child well-being indicators. Marin has the lowest percentage of children living in families with incomes below the poverty level. Marin also has the lowest incidence of births to teens in the state. Additionally, with an average child support collection of \$169 per month, Marin collects more child support per cases with orders than any other county. Marin is one of the more expensive places for families, with high preschool child care and housing costs.

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## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	245,443	50,428	16,784	100%
African-American	8,319	1,635	484	3%
Asian	12,035	2,993	1,067	6%
Latino	27,899	8,429	3,731	22%
Native American	611	110	31	<1%
White	196,579	37,261	11,471	68%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		2,651		

## Family Economics

CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)		Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
Percent	8.6%	Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-4
<b>CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)</b>			
All	3.6%	4.1%	
African-American	22.4%	30.8%	
Asian	7.7%	5.2%	
Latino	4.7%	5.5%	
Native American	11.8%	12.9%	
White	2.1%	2.3%	
<b>CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)</b>			
Number of participants	1,414		
Percent of all eligible	40.2%		
<b>FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)</b>			
Two bedroom	\$987		
As percent of minimum wage	103.0%		
<b>BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH &lt;12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)</b>		Number	Percent
All	389	14.7%	
African-American	10	17.5%	
Asian	7	4.0%	
Latino	327	61.1%	
Native American	0	0.0%	
White	42	2.2%	
<b>CHILD CARE</b>		1996	1997 1998
Cost/month—infant	\$754	NA	\$745
Cost/month—preschool	\$555	NA	\$622
Child care centers:	4%	NA	8%
% spaces for infants			
<b>CHILD SUPPORT</b>		1996	1997 1998
Percent cases with orders	86%	84%	84%
Money collected mo./case with order	\$149	\$169	\$188

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## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE		1995	1996	1997
All		2.8%	2.8%	2.1%
African-American		0.0%	3.1%	12.3%
Asian		2.9%	2.0%	2.9%
Latino		8.0%	8.1%	4.5%
Native American		NS	NS	0.0%
White		1.5%	1.3%	1.1%
PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS		1995	1996	1997
All		5.1%	5.6%	5.4%
African-American		13.9%	6.2%	10.5%
Asian		4.1%	6.1%	6.4%
Latino		6.1%	5.1%	5.2%
Native American		NS	NS	0.0%
White		4.6%	5.8%	5.2%
INFANT MORTALITY RATES (per 1,000)		1995	1996	1997
All		2.7	3.4	4.5
African-American		13.9	0.0	0.0
Asian		0.0	0.0	5.8
Latino		4.1	5.5	7.5
Native American		NS	NS	0.0
White		2.1	3.2	3.7
TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)		1995	1996	1997
All		16.9	21.1	19.0
African-American		45.7	57.6	35.2
Asian		11.5	2.8	8.3
Latino		106.3	133.8	107.5
Native American		0.0	55.6	0.0
White		5.4	7.5	6.3
MOTHERS WHO INITIATE EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING		1997		
Percent		88%		

## Education

CLASSROOMS		1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start		NA	56.8%	NA
Average class size		26.1	24.7	24.8
Per pupil expenditure		\$5,338	\$5,746	\$5,991
STUDENT PROFICIENCY		1997	1998	1999
Students with limited English Proficiency		10%	10%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.			78%	81%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.			73%	78%
PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)				
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)				17.8
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)				4.5

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES (1997—per 1,000)		Ages 0-17		Ages 0-5	
All		3.2	2.8		
African-American		25.8	27.7		
Asian		3.4	1.9		
Latino		4.1	3.9		
Native American		26.8	60.6		
White		2.0	1.3		
CHILD ABUSE (1996)					
Number of reports				1,968	
Rate (per 1,000)				40.5	
GUN INJURIES & DEATHS (1997)		Ages 0-17		Ages 0-5	
Injuries		0	0		
Deaths		0	0		
MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES & DEATHS (1998)		Ages 0-17		Ages 0-5	
Injuries		263	29		
Deaths		0	0		

Marin County  
Rankings

Family Economics		
Children living in poverty (0-17)		1 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)		2 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)		1 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)		1 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance		57 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage		55 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education		2 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant		34 / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool		51 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants		4 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders		3 / 48
Child support: \$ collected		1 / 48
Health		
Late/no prenatal care		6 / 49
Low birthweight infants		18 / 49
Infant mortality		1 / 37
Teen births		1 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding		1 / 58

## Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start		15 / 57
Average class size		20 / 58
Per pupil expenditure		5 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average		1 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average		1 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open		12 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs		9 / 56

## Safety

Foster care rate (0-17)		2 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)		2 / 48
Child abuse		2 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)		11 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)		2 / 44

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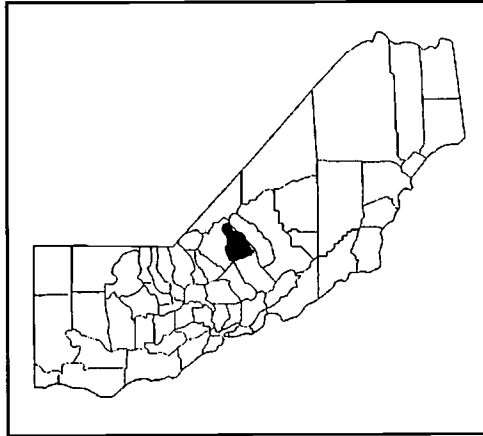
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# Mariposa County



## County Highlights

Mariposa is one of the least populated counties in the state. Mariposa has a lower percentage of children living in families in poverty compared to the state average. Mariposa has a higher percentage of new mothers with at least a high school education and has relatively inexpensive pre-school child care costs. Very few licensed child care spaces are available to infants in Mariposa County.

## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	16,093	3,486	994	100%
African-American	127	14	7	1%
Asian	128	25	10	1%
Latino	880	277	97	10%
Native American	557	122	27	3%
White	14,401	3,048	853	86%
TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)				135

## Family Economics

### CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)

Percent	19.0%	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
			22.5%

### CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)

All	16.4%	Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-5
African-American	42.9%		20.8%
Asian	28.0%		14.3%
Latino	6.5%		20.0%
Native American	18.9%		7.2%
White	16.9%		29.6%
			22.2%

### CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)

Number of participants	231
Percent of all eligible	59.8%

### FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)

Two bedroom	\$531
As percent of minimum wage	55.4%

### BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)

All	16	Percent
African-American	NS	11.9%
Asian	NS	NS
Latino	1	NS
Native American	0	10.0%
White	15	0.0%
		12.8%

### CHILD CARE

Cost/month—infant	1996	1997	1998
Cost/month—preschool	NA	NA	NA
Child care centers:	\$260	NA	\$260
% spaces for infants	NA	NA	0%

### CHILD SUPPORT

Percent cases with orders	1996	1997	1998
Money collected mo./case with order	61%	NR	NR
	\$113	NR	NR

## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE	1995	1996	1997
All	5.3%	3.2%	4.4%
African-American	NS	NS	NS
Asian	NS	NS	NS
Latino	27.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Native American	0.0%	NS	28.6%
White	3.9%	3.9%	3.4%

PERCENT LOW  
BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS

	1995	1996	1997
All	7.9%	3.2%	7.4%
African-American	NS	NS	NS
Asian	NS	NS	NS
Latino	0.0%	4.3%	0.0%
Native American	11.1%	NS	28.6%
White	7.9%	2.4%	6.8%

INFANT MORTALITY  
RATES (per 1,000)

	1995	1996	1997
All	6.6	0.0	0.0
African-American	NS	NS	NS
Asian	NS	NS	NS
Latino	0.0	0.0	0.0
Native American	0.0	NS	0.0
White	7.9	0.0	0.0

## TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)

	1995	1996	1997
All	43.8	22.4	38.5
African-American	NS	NS	NS
Asian	100.0	0.0	NS
Latino	129.0	27.8	52.6
Native American	45.5	0.0	93.8
White	36.0	23.9	33.6

MOTHERS WHO INITIATE  
EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING

Percent	1997
	51%

## Education

CLASSROOMS	1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start	NA	100.0%	NA
Average class size	24.6	21.9	23.4
Per pupil expenditure	\$4,779	\$4,959	\$5,650

## STUDENT PROFICIENCY

	1997	1998	1999
Students with limited English Proficiency	0%	0%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.	58%	57%	57%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.	48%	50%	50%

## PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)

	1997	1998	1999
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)			38.1
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)			7.2

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES  
(1997—per 1,000)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
All	7.1	7.9
African-American	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0
Latino	3.6	0.0
Native American	15.6	0.0
White	7.2	9.1

## CHILD ABUSE (1996)

	1996
Number of reports	547
Rate (per 1,000)	153.6

## GUN INJURIES &amp; DEATHS (1997)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	0	0
Deaths	0	0

MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES  
& DEATHS (1998)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	36	5
Deaths	1	0

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Rankings

## Family Economics

Children living in poverty (0-17)	24 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	24 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	31 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	30 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	39 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	19 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	4 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	NA / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	2 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	47 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	NR / 48
Child support: \$ collected	NR / 48

## Health

Late/no prenatal care	NR / 49
Low birthweight infants	NR / 49
Infant mortality	NR / 37
Teen births	NR / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	37 / 58

## Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	1 / 57
Average class size	12 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	10 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	20 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	37 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	8 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	4 / 56

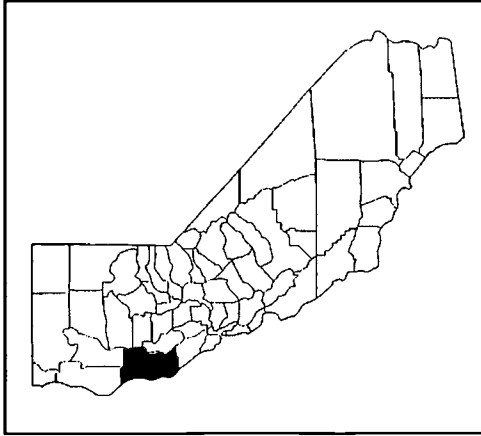
## Safety

Foster care rate (0-17)	30 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	36 / 48
Child abuse	45 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	41 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	NR / 44

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# Mendocino County



## County Highlights

Mendocino's percent of mothers receiving late or no prenatal care services is twice the state average. Mendocino also has a high percentage of young children under five living in families with poverty-level income. Mendocino's school children experience smaller class sizes than many counties in California.

## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	87,448	22,417	6,735	100%
African-American	507	157	29	<1%
Asian	1,171	292	99	1%
Latino	11,719	4,849	1,898	28%
Native American	3,572	1,257	430	6%
White	70,479	15,862	4,279	64%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		1,025		

## Family Economics

CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
Percent	24.9%	29.1%
<b>CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)</b>	Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-5
All	17.3%	21.2%
African-American	43.9%	131.0%
Asian	8.2%	6.1%
Latino	10.7%	12.8%
Native American	46.4%	51.9%
White	16.9%	21.5%
<b>CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)</b>		
Number of participants		2,197
Percent of all eligible		60.0%
<b>FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)</b>		
Two bedroom		\$616
As percent of minimum wage		64.3%

## BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)

	Number	Percent
All	273	26.6%
African-American	NS	NS
Asian	4	33.3%
Latino	163	52.9%
Native American	24	32.0%
White	81	13.0%
<b>CHILD CARE</b>		
Cost/month—infant	1996 1997 1998	
Cost/month—preschool	NA NA NA	NA NA NA
Child care centers:	\$355 NA NA	\$398 NA 2%
% spaces for infants	NA NA	

## CHILD SUPPORT

	1996	1997	1998
Percent cases with orders	60%	NA	NA
Money collected m.o./case with order	\$104	NA	NA

## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE		1995	1996	1997
All		14.6%	7.2%	7.4%
African-American		NS	14.3%	NS
Asian		23.5%	11.8%	8.3%
Latino		13.7%	7.7%	9.4%
Native American		37.5%	23.4%	13.3%
White		12.2%	4.8%	5.8%
PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS		1995	1996	1997
All		4.5%	5.6%	5.4%
African-American		NS	14.3%	NS
Asian		0.0%	5.9%	8.3%
Latino		6.4%	7.1%	6.5%
Native American		10.0%	7.8%	6.7%
White		3.3%	4.5%	4.3%
INFANT MORTALITY RATES (per 1,000)		1995	1996	1997
All		8.0	9.8	4.9
African-American		NS	0.0	NS
Asian		0.0	0.0	0.0
Latino		6.4	20.2	6.5
Native American		12.5	15.6	0.0
White		8.5	4.8	4.8
TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)		1995	1996	1997
All		67.5	53.9	44.2
African-American		90.9	87.0	37.0
Asian		0.0	0.0	22.2
Latino		131.2	96.6	93.0
Native American		128.2	90.9	95.2
White		51.9	43.6	32.2
MOTHERS WHO INITIATE EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING		1997		
Percent		64%		

## Education

CLASSROOMS		1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start		NA	40.9%	NA
Average class size		24.3	23.4	22.8
Per pupil expenditure		\$4,972	\$5,461	\$5,811
STUDENT PROFICIENCY		1997	1998	1999
Students with limited English Proficiency		11%	12%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.			42%	47%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.			33%	42%
PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)				
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)				10.3
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)				0.0

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES (1997—per 1,000)		Ages 0-17		Ages 0-5	
All		11.1	9.8		
African-American		49.7	115.4		
Asian		3.6	0.0		
Latino		8.9	4.5		
Native American		26.1	25.9		
White		10.3	10.0		
CHILD ABUSE (1996)					
Number of reports				3,721	
Rate (per 1,000)				166.3	
GUN INJURIES & DEATHS (1997)		Ages 0-17		Ages 0-5	
Injuries		3	0		
Deaths		1	0		
MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES & DEATHS (1998)		Ages 0-17		Ages 0-5	
Injuries		165	18		
Deaths		2	0		

Mendocino County  
Rankings

## Family Economics

Children living in poverty (0-17)	39 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	43 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	33 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	35 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	38 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	34 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	24 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	NA / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	27 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	39 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	NR / 48
Child support: \$ collected	NA / 48

## Health

Late/no prenatal care	50 / 49
Low birthweight infants	12 / 49
Infant mortality	32 / 37
Teen births	26 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	20 / 58

## Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	44 / 57
Average class size	13 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	7 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	39 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	54 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	17 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	51 / 56

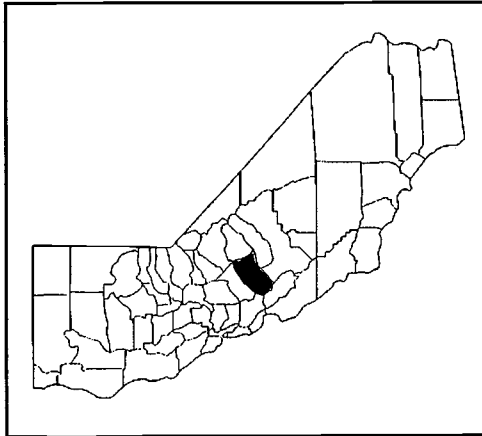
## Safety

Foster care rate (0-17)	43 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	35 / 48
Child abuse	47 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	38 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	35 / 44

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# Merced County



## County Highlights

Merced County has a large percentage of children living in families in poverty. Merced also has a larger percentage of new mothers without a high school degree compared to other counties in California. The proficiency of Merced's third graders on reading and math tests is well below the state average. Merced compares well against other counties in its ability to secure child support orders and in the average child support payment per case with an order. Merced's foster care rate is less than half the state average.

## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	206,254	70,949	24,105	100%
African-American	8,444	2,839	944	4%
Asian	20,817	10,125	3,226	13%
Latino	74,188	30,701	11,833	49%
Native American	1,226	273	73	<1%
White	101,579	27,011	8,029	33%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		3,610		

## Family Economics

### CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)

Percent	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
	35.6%	38.4%

### CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)

	Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-5
All	27.1%	29.4%
African-American	52.3%	62.9%
Asian	54.0%	45.6%
Latino	26.7%	29.2%
Native American	17.9%	23.3%
White	14.9%	19.4%

### CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)

Number of participants	9,529
Percent of all eligible	71.2%

### FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)

Two bedroom	\$528
As percent of minimum wage	55.1%

### BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)

	Number	Percent
All	1,567	43.4%
African-American	52	35.6%
Asian	242	60.8%
Latino	1,097	55.7%
Native American	1	7.7%
White	173	16.1%

### CHILD CARE

Cost/month—infant	NA	NA	NA
Cost/month—preschool	\$347	NA	\$333
Child care centers:	NA	NA	4%
% spaces for infants			

### CHILD SUPPORT

Percent cases with orders	82%	84%	81%
Money collected mo./case with order	\$94	\$108	\$112



## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE		1995	1996	1997
All		6.1%	5.9%	7.1%
African-American		8.1%	6.7%	12.3%
Asian		7.7%	7.3%	6.0%
Latino		5.8%	5.5%	7.5%
Native American		0.0%	5.9%	0.0%
White		5.8%	5.9%	6.3%
PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS		1995	1996	1997
All		6.1%	6.3%	6.0%
African-American		9.3%	7.4%	11.6%
Asian		6.0%	6.7%	7.8%
Latino		5.7%	6.2%	5.4%
Native American		25.0%	11.8%	0.0%
White		6.3%	6.2%	5.7%
INFANT MORTALITY RATES (per 1,000)		1995	1996	1997
All		8.2	7.2	6.9
African-American		5.8	7.4	27.4
Asian		11.2	13.8	5.0
Latino		5.0	4.1	6.6
Native American		0.0	0.0	0.0
White		12.3	10.1	5.6
TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)		1995	1996	1997
All		99.5	84.4	74.8
African-American		131.9	103.4	93.3
Asian		128.9	74.5	65.2
Latino		135.1	121.4	115.1
Native American		54.1	142.9	0.0
White		57.1	51.4	40.5
MOTHERS WHO INITIATE EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING		1997		
Percent		24%		

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## Education

CLASSROOMS	1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start	NA	41.9%	NA
Average class size	27.4	26.4	26.1
Per pupil expenditure	\$4,174	\$4,441	\$4,751
STUDENT PROFICIENCY	1997	1998	1999
Students with limited English Proficiency	33%	32%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.		31%	35%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.		31%	40%
PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)			
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)			4.2
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)			1.6

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES (1997—per 1,000)	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
All	3.8	3.0
African-American	16.5	9.5
Asian	0.8	1.2
Latino	3.3	2.8
Native American	7.2	0.0
White	4.1	3.2
CHILD ABUSE (1996)		
Number of reports		8,017
Rate (per 1,000)		116.0
GUN INJURIES & DEATHS (1997)	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	6	0
Deaths	2	0
MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES & DEATHS (1998)	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	500	66
Deaths	13	4

Merced County  
Rankings

## Family Economics

Children living in poverty (0-17)	56 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	54 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	55 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	53 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	13 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	18 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	50 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	NA / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	16 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	32 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	6 / 48
Child support: \$ collected	9 / 48

## Health

Late/no prenatal care	41 / 49
Low birthweight infants	33 / 49
Infant mortality	31 / 37
Teen births	47 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	56 / 58

## Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	41 / 57
Average class size	28 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	43 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	58 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	57 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	47 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	25 / 56

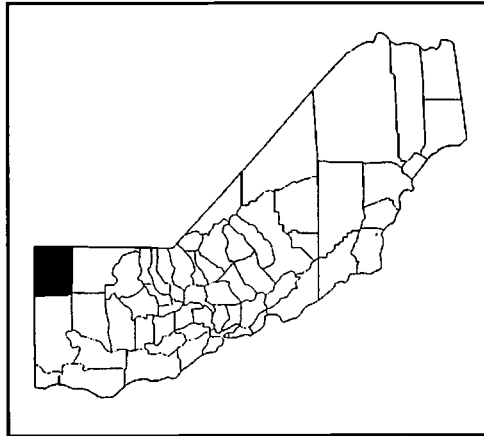
## Safety

Foster care rate (0-17)	14 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	12 / 48
Child abuse	40 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	31 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	40 / 44

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# Modoc County



## County Highlights

Modoc County has a substantially higher percentage of births to mothers with at least a high school education compared to the state average. Modoc's per pupil expenditure is well above the state average and its class sizes are well below the state average. Modoc has a higher incidence of child abuse reports and a higher incidence of young children in foster care compared to other counties in California.

## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	10,304	2,416	717	100%
African-American	85	13	1	<1%
Asian	41	11	6	1%
Latino	996	403	154	21%
Native American	407	126	35	5%
White	8,775	1,863	521	73%

**TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)**

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## Family Economics

**CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)**

Percent	26.9%	Children Ages 0-17	26.1%
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**CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)**

All	Percent	Children Ages 0-5
African-American	26.5%	30.5%
Asian	30.8%	NS
Latino	18.2%	NS
Native American	18.9%	26.0%
White	34.9%	40.0%
	27.6%	31.1%

**CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)**

Number of participants	261
Percent of all eligible	65.4%

**FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)**

Two bedroom	\$474
As percent of minimum wage	49.5%

**BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)**

All	Number	Percent
African-American	17	17.3%
Asian	NS	NS
Latino	NS	NS
Native American	7	31.8%
White	NS	NS
	8	11.6%

**CHILD CARE**

Cost/month—infant	1996	1997	1998
Cost/month—preschool	NA	NA	NA
Child care centers:	NA	NA	NA
% spaces for infants	NA	NA	0%

**CHILD SUPPORT**

Percent cases with orders	1996	1997	1998
Money collected mo./case with order	55%	51%	47%
	\$42	\$59	\$62

## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE	1995	1996	1997
All	7.4%	4.4%	4.1%
African-American	NS	NS	NS
Asian	NS	NS	NS
Latino	3.2%	3.6%	4.5%
Native American	NS	0.0%	NS
White	9.3%	3.9%	2.9%
<b>PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS</b>	1995	1996	1997
All	5.7%	6.1%	5.1%
African-American	NS	NS	NS
Asian	NS	NS	NS
Latino	3.2%	7.1%	9.1%
Native American	NS	0.0%	NS
White	5.8%	6.6%	4.3%
<b>INFANT MORTALITY RATES (per 1,000)</b>	1995	1996	1997
All	8.2	17.5	10.2
African-American	NS	NS	NS
Asian	NS	NS	NS
Latino	32.3	0.0	0.0
Native American	NS	0.0	NS
White	0.0	26.3	0.0
<b>TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)</b>	1995	1996	1997
All	36.9	63.1	56.1
African-American	NS	NS	NS
Asian	NS	NS	NS
Latino	205.9	170.7	171.4
Native American	0.0	133.3	95.2
White	21.4	44.6	40.2
<b>MOTHERS WHO INITIATE EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING</b>	1997		
Percent			77%

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## Education

CLASSROOMS	1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start	NA	71.4%	NA
Average class size	19.7	19.4	18.4
Per pupil expenditure	\$5,405	\$5,471	\$5,926
<b>STUDENT PROFICIENCY</b>	1997	1998	1999
Students with limited English Proficiency	13%	12%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.		44%	46%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.		41%	59%
<b>PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)</b>			
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)			45.9
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)			9.5

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES (1997—per 1,000)	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
All	7.8	11.7
African-American	0.0	NS
Asian	0.0	NS
Latino	10.2	6.9
Native American	46.2	96.8
White	4.7	8.0
<b>CHILD ABUSE (1996)</b>		
Number of reports		308
Rate (per 1,000)		123.9
<b>GUN INJURIES &amp; DEATHS (1997)</b>	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	0	0
Deaths	0	0
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES &amp; DEATHS (1998)</b>	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	22	3
Deaths	0	0

## Modoc County Rankings

### Family Economics

Children living in poverty (0-17)	45 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	32 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	53 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	56 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	25 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	1 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	9 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	NA / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	NA / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	47 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	40 / 48
Child support: \$ collected	47 / 48

### Health

Late/no prenatal care	NR / 49
Low birthweight infants	NR / 49
Infant mortality	NR / 37
Teen births	NR / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	6 / 58

### Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	9 / 57
Average class size	3 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	6 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	44 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	17 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	7 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	2 / 56

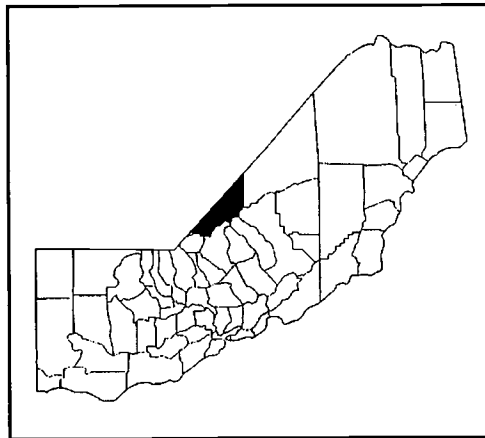
### Safety

Foster care rate (0-17)	9 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	NR / 48
Child abuse	51 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	42 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	NR / 44

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# Mono County



## County Highlights

Mono County has a much lower rate of children living in families with poverty-level income compared to the state average. Mono also has a larger percentage of licensed child care center spaces available for infants. Mono County third graders rank last in math proficiency and the percent of mothers without a high school degree is above the state average.

## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	10,616	2,645	763	100%
African-American	45	11	1	<1%
Asian	124	35	11	1%
Latino	1,594	592	260	34%
Native American	347	119	23	3%
White	8,506	1,888	468	61%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		118		

## Family Economics

CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
Percent	12.7%	14.4%
<b>CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)</b>	Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-5
All	6.2%	8.1%
African-American	0.0%	NS
Asian	2.9%	0.0%
Latino	4.6%	5.0%
Native American	25.2%	30.4%
White	5.6%	9.0%
<b>CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)</b>		
Number of participants	220	
Percent of all eligible	68.5%	
<b>FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)</b>		
Two bedroom	\$732	
As percent of minimum wage	76.4%	

## BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)

	Number	Percent
All	40	33.9%
African-American	NS	NS
Asian	NS	NS
Latino	34	73.9%
Native American	NS	NS
White	5	7.6%

## CHILD CARE

Cost/month—infant	1996	1997	1998
Cost/month—preschool	NA	NA	NA
Child care centers:	\$477	NA	\$400
% spaces for infants	12%	NA	17%

## CHILD SUPPORT

Percent cases with orders	1996	1997	1998
Money collected mo./case with order	40%	NR	NR
	\$133	NR	NR

## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE	1995	1996	1997
All	7.4%	2.5%	6.8%
African-American	NS	NS	NS
Asian	NS	NS	NS
Latino	10.9%	5.3%	15.2%
Native American	NS	NS	NS
White	5.7%	1.4%	1.5%

PERCENT LOW  
BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS

	1995	1996	1997
All	8.1%	4.2%	8.5%
African-American	NS	NS	NS
Asian	NS	NS	NS
Latino	6.5%	2.6%	17.4%
Native American	NS	NS	NS
White	9.2%	5.5%	1.5%

INFANT MORTALITY  
RATES (per 1,000)

	1995	1996	1997
All	0.0	0.0	0.0
African-American	NS	NS	NS
Asian	NS	NS	NS
Latino	0.0	0.0	0.0
Native American	NS	NS	NS
White	0.0	0.0	0.0

## TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)

	1995	1996	1997
All	33.6	30.9	45.2
African-American	NS	NS	NS
Asian	NS	NS	NS
Latino	88.2	71.4	190.5
Native American	0.0	45.5	0.0
White	28.4	22.5	20.8

MOTHERS WHO INITIATE  
EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING

Percent	1997
	35%

## Education

CLASSROOMS	1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start	NA	93.2%	NA
Average class size	20.7	20.4	19.2
Per pupil expenditure	\$5,269	\$6,053	\$6,243

## STUDENT PROFICIENCY

	1997	1998	1999
Students with limited English Proficiency	11%	13%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.		59%	59%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.		50%	30%

## PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)

	1997	1998	1999
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)			86.2
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)			7.6

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES  
(1997—per 1,000)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
All	4.9	5.0
African-American	0.0	NS
Asian	0.0	0.0
Latino	0.0	0.0
Native American	24.2	43.5
White	5.2	6.0

## CHILD ABUSE (1996)

	1996
Number of reports	220
Rate (per 1,000)	83.0

## GUN INJURIES &amp; DEATHS (1997)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	0	0
Deaths	0	0

MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES  
& DEATHS (1998)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	32	2
Deaths	0	0

Mono County  
Rankings

## Family Economics

Children living in poverty (0-17)	7 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	6 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	3 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	4 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	18 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	45 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	36 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	NA / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	28 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	1 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	NR / 48
Child support: \$ collected	NR / 48

## Health

Late/no prenatal care	NR / 49
Low birthweight infants	NR / 49
Infant mortality	NR / 52
Teen births	NR / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	46 / 58

## Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	5 / 57
Average class size	4 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	3 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	19 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	58 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	2 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	3 / 56

## Safety

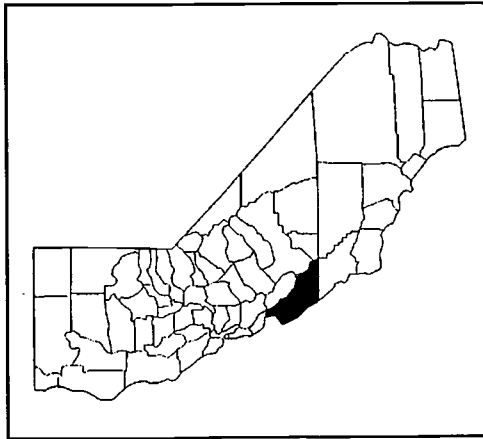
Foster care rate (0-17)	16 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	NR / 48
Child abuse	19 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	51 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	NR / 44

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# Monterey County



## County Highlights

Monterey County has a higher rate of births to mothers without a high school degree. Monterey's percentage of mothers receiving prenatal care services is lower than average, although it continued to improve between 1995 and 1997. Monterey has a low foster care rate. The county's child support collections per case with orders is above the state average.

## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	387,989	117,106	42,464	100%
African-American	23,021	5,570	1,158	3%
Asian	28,334	7,149	2,226	5%
Latino	151,889	62,671	26,463	62%
Native American	2,330	470	104	<1%
White	182,415	41,246	12,513	29%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		6,720		

## Family Economics

CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
Percent	22.1%	26.4%
<b>CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)</b>	Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-5
All	11.0%	12.9%
African-American	14.6%	26.6%
Asian	9.6%	9.0%
Latino	14.2%	15.1%
Native American	7.0%	12.5%
White	5.8%	7.5%
<b>CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)</b>		
Number of participants		13,752
Percent of all eligible		66.3%
<b>FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)</b>		
Two bedroom		\$733
As percent of minimum wage		76.5%

## BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)

	Number	Percent
All	3,054	45.4%
African-American	27	17.8%
Asian	41	10.7%
Latino	2,844	65.2%
Native American	3	25.0%
White	139	7.8%

## CHILD CARE

Cost/month—infant	1996	1997	1998
	\$485	NA	\$621
Cost/month—preschool	\$425	NA	\$443
Child care centers:	2%	NA	5%
% spaces for infants			

## CHILD SUPPORT

Percent cases with orders	1996	1997	1998
	50%	61%	62%
Money collected mo./case with order	\$100	\$102	\$106



## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE	1995	1996	1997
All	7.0%	5.3%	4.2%
African-American	5.7%	3.2%	4.6%
Asian	4.0%	4.8%	2.9%
Latino	9.0%	6.7%	5.3%
Native American	0.0%	0.0%	8.3%
White	2.9%	1.7%	1.6%

PERCENT LOW  
BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS

	1995	1996	1997
All	5.3%	4.8%	5.5%
African-American	5.1%	12.7%	7.9%
Asian	6.3%	5.0%	7.8%
Latino	5.4%	4.7%	5.7%
Native American	11.8%	7.1%	8.3%
White	4.5%	4.3%	4.2%

INFANT MORTALITY  
RATES (per 1,000)

	1995	1996	1997
All	5.7	5.3	5.8
African-American	6.4	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	2.8	0.0
Latino	5.6	5.4	7.1
Native American	0.0	0.0	0.0
White	7.6	6.1	4.5

## TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)

	1995	1996	1997
All	85.5	80.1	77.3
African-American	67.0	42.9	38.9
Asian	27.7	26.6	20.6
Latino	139.3	130.2	125.1
Native American	67.8	29.0	29.9
White	31.9	32.0	32.0

MOTHERS WHO INITIATE  
EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING

Percent	1997
	62%

## Education

CLASSROOMS	1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start	NA	50.6%	NA
Average class size	28.4	26.6	26.2
Per pupil expenditure	\$4,365	\$4,529	\$4,892

## STUDENT PROFICIENCY

	1997	1998	1999
Students with limited English Proficiency	34%	35%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.		40%	48%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.		35%	46%

## PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)

	1997	1998	1999
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)			9.5
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)			3.6

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES  
(1997—per 1,000)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
All	3.8	3.2
African-American	12.0	17.4
Asian	1.0	2.2
Latino	3.8	2.5
Native American	4.1	16.9
White	3.3	3.2

## CHILD ABUSE (1996)

	1996
Number of reports	9,142
Rate (per 1,000)	85.1

## GUN INJURIES &amp; DEATHS (1997)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	7	0
Deaths	6	0

MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES  
& DEATHS (1998)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	477	83
Deaths	3	0

Monterey County  
Rankings

## Family Economics

Children living in poverty (0-17)	31 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	33 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	21 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	20 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	22 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	46 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	52 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	27 / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	41 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	14 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	38 / 48
Child support: \$ collected	12 / 48

## Health

Late/no prenatal care	32 / 49
Low birthweight infants	13 / 49
Infant mortality	15 / 37
Teen births	45 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	25 / 58

## Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	23 / 57
Average class size	36 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	30 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	37 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	48 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	21 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	15 / 56

## Safety

Foster care rate (0-17)	3 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	6 / 48
Child abuse	22 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	1 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	9 / 44

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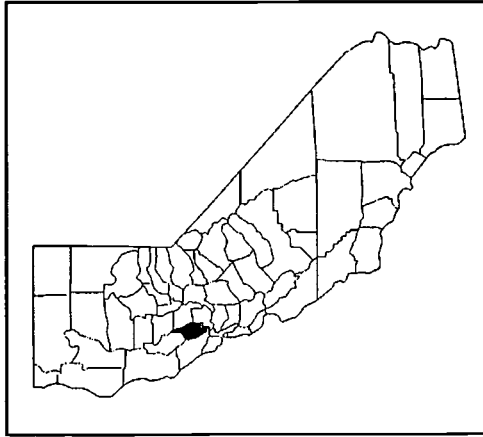
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# Napa County



## County Highlights

Napa County's infant mortality rate is well below the state average and declined between 1995 and 1997. Napa's low birthweight infant rate is also well below the state average and ranks 2nd among 49 counties. Napa has the lowest child abuse report rate in California. Napa has a per pupil expenditure below the state average

## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	123,118	28,931	9,366	100%
African-American	1,569	423	106	1%
Asian	4,823	1,123	319	3%
Latino	22,322	8,508	3,541	38%
Native American	760	159	62	1%
White	93,644	18,718	5,338	57%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		1,499		

## Family Economics

CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
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Percent	13.0%	16.2%
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CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)	Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-5
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All	5.6%	7.1%
African-American	17.0%	34.0%
Asian	3.0%	1.9%
Latino	5.3%	6.0%
Native American	6.3%	6.5%
White	5.5%	7.6%

CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)	Number of participants
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Percent of all eligible	2258
	80.2%

FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)	Two bedroom	As percent of minimum wage
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	\$711	74.2%
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## BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)

	Number	Percent
All	451	30.1%
African-American	3	20.0%
Asian	3	5.2%
Latino	391	62.9%
Native American	1	14.3%
White	53	6.7%

## CHILD CARE

Cost/month—infant	1996	1997	1998
	\$589	NA	\$391
Cost/month—preschool	\$429	NA	\$419
Child care centers:	2%	NA	4%
% spaces for infants			

## CHILD SUPPORT

Percent cases with orders	1996	1997	1998
	65%	62%	72%
Money collected mo./case with order	\$115	\$150	\$115

## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE	1995	1996	1997
All	4.3%	4.2%	2.6%
African-American	6.7%	7.7%	0.0%
Asian	2.3%	2.7%	1.7%
Latino	6.2%	5.5%	3.4%
Native American	0.0%	NS	14.3%
White	3.2%	3.3%	1.9%

PERCENT LOW  
BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS

	1995	1996	1997
All	4.2%	3.9%	4.5%
African-American	6.7%	0.0%	20.0%
Asian	6.8%	2.7%	10.3%
Latino	3.0%	3.5%	4.5%
Native American	0.0%	NS	0.0%
White	5.0%	4.4%	3.7%

INFANT MORTALITY  
RATES (per 1,000)

	1995	1996	1997
All	5.5	4.6	3.3
African-American	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0
Latino	5.3	6.6	3.2
Native American	0.0	NS	0.0
White	6.1	3.5	3.8

TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)	1995	1996	1997
All	46.7	43.2	33.4
African-American	18.5	57.7	54.5
Asian	47.6	6.3	11.6
Latino	114.2	117.4	100.3
Native American	76.9	33.3	0.0
White	29.1	24.7	16.3

MOTHERS WHO INITIATE  
EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING

Percent	1997
	73%

## Education

CLASSROOMS	1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start	NA	66.9%	NA
Average class size	28.4	27.0	26.7
Per pupil expenditure	\$3,937	\$4,454	\$4,695

## STUDENT PROFICIENCY

	1997	1998	1999
Students with limited English Proficiency	18%	20%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.		64%	63%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.		59%	64%

## PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)

	1997	1998	1999
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)			6.6
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)			3.6

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES  
(1997—per 1,000)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
All	6.0	5.7
African-American	30.2	9.3
Asian	3.7	3.4
Latino	4.9	4.9
Native American	25.6	50.8
White	5.8	5.8

## CHILD ABUSE (1996)

	1997	1998	1999
Number of reports			1,217
Rate (per 1,000)			43.3

## GUN INJURIES &amp; DEATHS (1997)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	0	0
Deaths	0	0

MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES  
& DEATHS (1998)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	208	19
Deaths	1	0

Napa County  
Rankings

## Family Economics

Children living in poverty (0-17)	8 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	10 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	4 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	6 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	7 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	42 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	31 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	6 / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	35 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	19 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	22 / 48
Child support: \$ collected	6 / 48

## Health

Late/no prenatal care	21 / 49
Low birthweight infants	2 / 49
Infant mortality	4 / 37
Teen births	14 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	11 / 58

## Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	11 / 57
Average class size	41 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	51 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	11 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	10 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	34 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	14 / 56

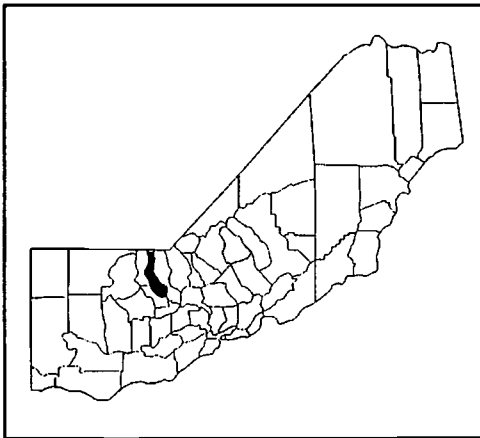
## Safety

Foster care rate (0-17)	25 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	22 / 48
Child abuse	1 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	40 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	18 / 44

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# Nevada County



## County Highlights

Nevada County ranks well in educational indicators, with third graders scoring among the top counties and a low rate of new mothers with less than a high school education. Nevada also has one of the lowest teen birth rates. Nevada's average child support collection is at the lower end among counties, with a \$71 average monthly collection per case with an order.

## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	91,117	19,985	5,463	100%
African-American	181	36	7	<1%
Asian	763	193	54	1%
Latino	4,429	1,553	531	10%
Native American	803	193	53	1%
White	84,941	18,010	4,818	88%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		796		

## Family Economics

CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)		Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
Percent	13.6%	Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-4
<b>CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)</b>			
All	6.4%	9.0%	
African-American	27.8%	85.7%	
Asian	5.7%	1.9%	
Latino	2.2%	2.6%	
Native American	4.7%	9.4%	
White	6.7%	9.7%	
<b>CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)</b>			
Number of participants	1097		
Percent of all eligible	68.7%		
<b>FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)</b>			
Two bedroom	\$686		
As percent of minimum wage	71.6%		
<b>BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH &lt;12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)</b>		Number	Percent
All	130	16.3%	
African-American	NS	NS	
Asian	1	12.5%	
Latino	51	52.6%	
Native American	4	30.8%	
White	74	11.0%	
<b>CHILD CARE</b>		1996	1997
Cost/month—infant	\$520	NA	\$523
Cost/month—preschool	\$368	NA	\$389
Child care centers: % spaces for infants	1%	NA	3%
<b>CHILD SUPPORT</b>		1996	1997
Percent cases with orders	67%	70%	73%
Money collected mo./case with order	\$62	\$72	\$78

## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE		1995	1996	1997
All		2.8%	3.5%	2.6%
African-American		NS	NS	NS
Asian		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Latino		3.8%	11.4%	10.3%
Native American		NS	0.0%	7.7%
White		2.7%	2.7%	1.5%
PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS		1995	1996	1997
All		4.9%	6.0%	5.2%
African-American		NS	NS	NS
Asian		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Latino		1.3%	10.2%	6.2%
Native American		NS	6.3%	0.0%
White		5.4%	5.6%	5.2%
INFANT MORTALITY RATES (per 1,000)		1995	1996	1997
All		3.6	11.3	3.8
African-American		NS	NS	NS
Asian		0.0	0.0	0.0
Latino		0.0	11.4	10.3
Native American		NS	0.0	0.0
White		4.1	11.8	3.0
TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)		1995	1996	1997
All		29.3	27.7	28.1
African-American		0.0	0.0	90.9
Asian		32.3	0.0	0.0
Latino		42.1	38.5	53.9
Native American		33.3	69.0	103.4
White		28.4	26.9	25.6
MOTHERS WHO INITIATE EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING		1997		
Percent		85%		

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## Education

CLASSROOMS	1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start	NA	46.8%	NA
Average class size	27.3	26.1	26.8
Per pupil expenditure	\$4,187	\$4,594	\$5,018
STUDENT PROFICIENCY	1997	1998	1999
Students with limited English Proficiency	0%	1%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.		62%	68%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.		56%	65%

## PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)

Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)	8.3
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)	1.3

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES (1997—per 1,000)	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
All	5.2	3.4
African-American	26.3	0.0
Asian	5.1	0.0
Latino	2.6	3.9
Native American	25.5	0.0
White	5.1	3.4
CHILD ABUSE (1996)	1,849	
Number of reports	92.6	
Rate (per 1,000)		
GUN INJURIES & DEATHS (1997)	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	0	0
Deaths	0	0
MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES & DEATHS (1998)	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	220	15
Deaths	2	1

## Nevada County Rankings

## Family Economics

Children living in poverty (0-17)	13 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	15 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	8 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	13 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	16 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	40 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	3 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	18 / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	26 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	35 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	20 / 48
Child support: \$ collected	41 / 48

## Health

Late/no prenatal care	10 / 49
Low birthweight infants	19 / 49
Infant mortality	NR / 37
Teen births	2 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	2 / 58

## Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	30 / 57
Average class size	32 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	29 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	3 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	8 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	26 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	31 / 56

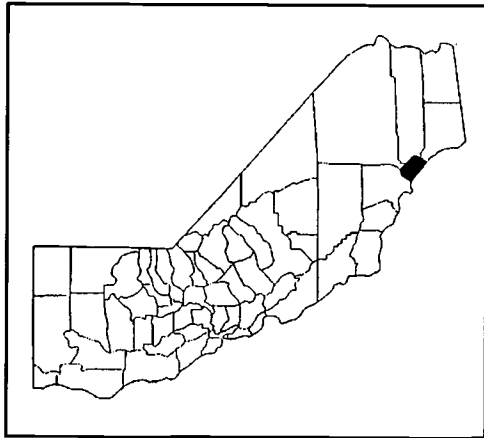
## Safety

Foster care rate (0-17)	17 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	11 / 48
Child abuse	27 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	47 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	30 / 44

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# Orange County



## County Highlights

Orange County has a mixed education record, with its third graders scoring near the top among the state's counties and a relatively high proportion of new mothers with less than a high school education. The county has the second largest average class size. Orange has an overall low infant mortality rate. Among the county's various ethnic groups, Latinos have the lowest infant mortality rate and African-Americans experience the highest.

## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	2,744,995	768,293	296,505	100%
African-American	44,703	14,538	4,991	2%
Asian	342,299	99,285	36,663	12%
Latino	785,310	313,184	140,430	47%
Native American	8,386	1,732	612	<1%
White	1,564,297	339,554	113,809	38%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>				47,487

## Family Economics

### CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)

Percent	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
	16.4%	21.1%

### CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)

	Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-5
All	7.0%	6.9%
African-American	17.5%	20.2%
Asian	14.6%	9.7%
Latino	7.7%	7.8%
Native American	5.0%	4.7%
White	3.7%	4.1%

### CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)

Number of participants	72,301
Percent of all eligible	71.3%

### FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)

Two bedroom	\$858
As percent of minimum wage	89.5%

### BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)

	Number	Percent
All	15,429	32.5%
African-American	69	9.9%
Asian	622	10.6%
Latino	13,800	60.4%
Native American	19	18.1%
White	914	5.1%

### CHILD CARE

Cost/month—infant	1996	1997	1998
Cost/month—preschool	\$607	NA	\$713
Child care centers:	\$442	NA	\$486
% spaces for infants	4%	NA	4%

### CHILD SUPPORT

Percent cases with orders	1996	1997	1998
Money collected mo./case with order	51%	60%	64%
	\$74	\$79	\$89



LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE		1995	1996	1997
All		3.4%	3.2%	3.0%
African-American		2.8%	3.7%	3.3%
Asian		2.0%	1.9%	2.4%
Latino		5.0%	4.7%	4.3%
Native American		2.7%	5.9%	2.9%
White		2.0%	1.6%	1.5%
PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS		1995	1996	1997
All		5.4%	5.2%	5.3%
African-American		11.1%	8.9%	11.4%
Asian		6.2%	6.2%	6.6%
Latino		5.1%	5.1%	5.2%
Native American		8.0%	4.0%	8.6%
White		5.1%	4.8%	4.8%
INFANT MORTALITY RATES (per 1,000)		1995	1996	1997
All		5.6	4.4	4.4
African-American		7.5	14.8	10.1
Asian		5.5	4.4	5.3
Latino		4.9	4.2	4.0
Native American		0.0	9.9	9.5
White		6.4	4.2	4.4
TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)		1995	1996	1997
All		58.2	56.4	50.8
African-American		61.7	59.1	49.9
Asian		16.0	14.8	15.0
Latino		140.4	136.1	118.8
Native American		75.9	32.1	48.4
White		22.2	21.1	18.7
MOTHERS WHO INITIATE EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING		1997		
Percent		33%		

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## Education

CLASSROOMS		1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start		NA	47.7%	NA
Average class size		30.3	28.9	28.7
Per pupil expenditure		\$4,060	\$4,358	\$4,700
STUDENT PROFICIENCY		1997	1998	1999
Students with limited English Proficiency		30%	30%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.			60%	65%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.			62%	70%
PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)				
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)		3.8		
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)		1.5		
Safety				
FOSTER CARE RATES (1997—per 1,000)		Ages 0-17 Ages 0-5		
All		4.7	4.5	
African-American		20.7	21.7	
Asian		1.1	0.9	
Latino		4.1	3.6	
Native American		8.7	15.1	
White		5.5	5.8	
CHILD ABUSE (1996)				
Number of reports		31,847		
Rate (per 1,000)		44.1		
GUN INJURIES & DEATHS (1997)		Ages 0-17 Ages 0-5		
Injuries		45	2	
Deaths		19	1	
MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES & DEATHS (1998)		Ages 0-17 Ages 0-5		
Injuries		3,471	503	
Deaths		13	2	

## Orange County Rankings

Family Economics		
Children living in poverty (0-17)		16 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)		19 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)		10 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)		3 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance		12 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage		53 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education		37 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant		32 / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool		45 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants		21 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders		36 / 48
Child support: \$ collected		27 / 48
Health		
Late/no prenatal care		15 / 49
Low birthweight infants		15 / 49
Infant mortality		8 / 37
Teen births		27 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding		50 / 58

Education		
Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start		28 / 57
Average class size		57 / 58
Per pupil expenditure		50 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average		7 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average		2 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open		50 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs		28 / 56

Safety		
Foster care rate (0-17)		13 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)		13 / 48
Child abuse		5 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)		6 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)		5 / 44

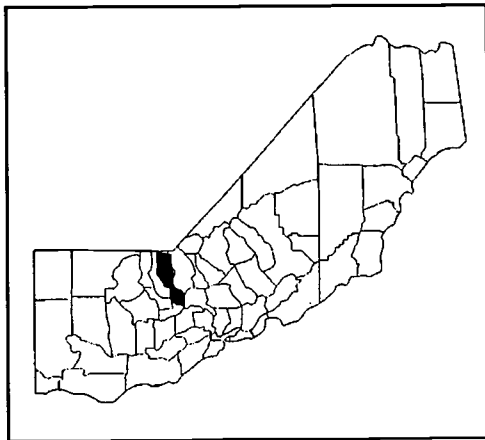
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# Placer County



## County Highlights

One of California's fastest growing counties, Placer County has a relatively low rate of child poverty. Placer County has one of the state's better records on prenatal care, low birth-weight infants, infant mortality and teen births. Among young children eligible for the nutrition program WIC, just about half benefit from the program. Placer County third graders earn among the best scores in the state on reading and math tests.

## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	224,464	59,137	18,553	100%
African-American	1,495	426	127	1%
Asian	5,719	1,692	630	3%
Latino	19,428	7,022	2,581	14%
Native American	1,850	451	148	1%
White	195,972	49,546	15,067	81%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		2,607		

## Family Economics

### CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)

Percent	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
	10.3%	13.7%

### CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)

	Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-5
All	6.0%	7.3%
African-American	24.2%	33.1%
Asian	1.8%	2.1%
Latino	6.7%	8.1%
Native American	14.6%	17.6%
White	5.8%	7.1%

### CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)

Number of participants	1,926
Percent of all eligible	52.1%

### FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)

Two bedroom	\$648
As percent of minimum wage	67.6%

### BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)

	Number	Percent
All	280	10.7%
African-American	1	5.9%
Asian	7	7.1%
Latino	127	32.2%
Native American	6	33.3%
White	139	6.7%

### CHILD CARE

Cost/month—infant	\$659	NA	\$562
Cost/month—preschool	\$472	NA	\$433
Child care centers:	3%	NA	2%
% spaces for infants			

### CHILD SUPPORT

	1996	1997	1998
Percent cases with orders	44%	36%	25%
Money collected mo./case with order	\$111	\$151	\$250

## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE	1995	1996	1997
All	3.1%	3.0%	2.1%
African-American	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Asian	4.8%	1.9%	2.0%
Latino	7.8%	7.3%	4.8%
Native American	0.0%	10.3%	5.6%
White	2.4%	2.2%	1.6%

PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS	1995	1996	1997
All	5.0%	4.6%	5.0%
African-American	25.0%	10.0%	17.6%
Asian	6.7%	3.8%	5.1%
Latino	6.2%	4.5%	4.6%
Native American	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%
White	4.3%	4.5%	5.1%

INFANT MORTALITY RATES (per 1,000)	1995	1996	1997
All	6.3	6.2	1.9
African-American	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0
Latino	13.4	4.7	0.0
Native American	0.0	0.0	0.0
White	5.5	6.4	2.4

TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)	1995	1996	1997
All	37.4	30.5	27.2
African-American	94.3	76.9	88.9
Asian	33.7	19.3	13.6
Latino	97.3	80.4	70.7
Native American	47.6	65.6	63.5
White	29.9	24.5	22.0

MOTHERS WHO INITIATE EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING	1997
Percent	71%

## Education

CLASSROOMS	1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start	NA	47.9%	NA
Average class size	28.2	27.5	26.2
Per pupil expenditure	\$3,962	\$4,256	\$4,517

STUDENT PROFICIENCY	1997	1998	1999
Students with limited English Proficiency	4%	4%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.		65%	68%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.		60%	69%

PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)	
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)	9.9
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)	3.1

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES (1997—per 1,000)	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
All	6.9	5.8
African-American	27.5	50.8
Asian	2.5	0.0
Latino	6.0	5.6
Native American	28.7	37.3
White	6.8	5.4

CHILD ABUSE (1996)	
Number of reports	2,994
Rate (per 1,000)	53.8

GUN INJURIES & DEATHS (1997)	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	4	0
Deaths	1	0

MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES & DEATHS (1998)	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	481	48
Deaths	3	0

## Placer County Rankings

Family Economics	
Children living in poverty (0-17)	3 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	5 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	5 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	5 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	51 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	35 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	1 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	21 / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	37 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	38 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	47 / 48
Child support: \$ collected	2 / 48

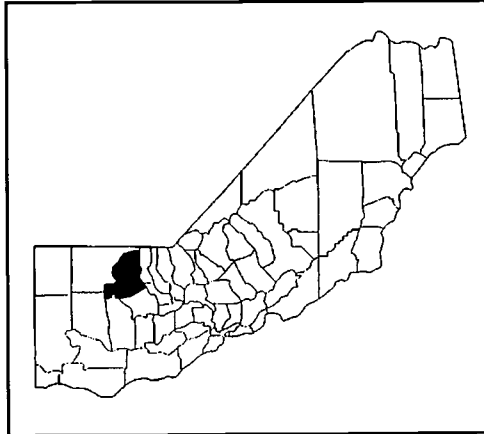
Health	
Late/no prenatal care	7 / 49
Low birthweight infants	7 / 49
Infant mortality	9 / 37
Teen births	5 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	14 / 58

Education	
Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	26 / 57
Average class size	39 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	57 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	3 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	3 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	20 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	16 / 56

Safety	
Foster care rate (0-17)	20 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	14 / 48
Child abuse	15 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	37 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	22 / 44

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# Plumas County



## County Highlights

Plumas County ranks near the state average in the percentages of children living in poverty and receiving TANF. Plumas has one of the state's best records of connecting families eligible for the nutrition program WIC to its services. Plumas' average class size is well below the state average and third grade students' test scores are above the state average.

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## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	20,574	4,382	1,067	100%
African-American	162	57	10	1%
Asian	125	35	14	1%
Latino	1,176	437	117	11%
Native American	610	171	41	4%
White	18,501	3,682	885	83%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		156		

## Family Economics

CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)		Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
Percent	19.3%	Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-4
<b>CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)</b>			
All	12.8%	18.7%	23.2%
African-American	33.3%	70.0%	70.0%
Asian	2.9%	0.0%	0.0%
Latino	7.6%	7.7%	7.7%
Native American	17.0%	29.3%	29.3%
White	13.0%	19.4%	19.4%
<b>CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)</b>			
Number of participants	430		
Percent of all eligible	84.3%		
<b>FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)</b>			
Two bedroom	\$474		
As percent of minimum wage	49.5%		
<b>BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH &lt;12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)</b>		Number	Percent
All	16	10.3%	
African-American	NS	NS	
Asian	NS	NS	
Latino	3	27.3%	
Native American	1	11.1%	
White	12	9.1%	
<b>CHILD CARE</b>		1996	1997
Cost/month—infant	NA	NA	NA
Cost/month—preschool	\$451	NA	NA
Child care centers: % spaces for infants	NA	NA	0%
<b>CHILD SUPPORT</b>		1996	1997
Percent cases with orders	54%	NR	NR
Money collected mo./case with order	\$150	NR	NR

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## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE		1995	1996	1997
All		5.4%	5.4%	1.9%
African-American		NS	NS	NS
Asian		NS	NS	NS
Latino		10.5%	0.0%	0.0%
Native American		NS	NS	11.1%
White		4.3%	5.5%	1.5%
PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS		1995	1996	1997
All		6.0%	6.8%	1.9%
African-American		NS	NS	NS
Asian		NS	NS	NS
Latino		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Native American		NS	NS	0.0%
White		7.1%	7.9%	2.3%
INFANT MORTALITY RATES (per 1,000)		1995	1996	1997
All		6.0	13.5	0.0
African-American		NS	NS	NS
Asian		NS	NS	NS
Latino		0.0	0.0	0.0
Native American		NS	NS	0.0
White		7.1	15.7	0.0
TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)		1995	1996	1997
All		41.2	30.9	19.1
African-American		NS	NS	NS
Asian		0.0	0.0	0.0
Latino		21.7	68.2	20.4
Native American		57.1	62.5	0.0
White		41.0	27.7	20.2
MOTHERS WHO INITIATE EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING		1997		
Percent		77%		

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## Education

CLASSROOMS	1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start	NA	44.4%	NA
Average class size	25.0	23.6	20.9
Per pupil expenditure	\$4,629	\$4,940	\$5,559
STUDENT PROFICIENCY		1997	1998
Students with limited English Proficiency	2%	2%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.			65%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.		51%	59%
PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)			
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)			59.3
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)			17.8

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES (1997—per 1,000)		Ages 0-17		Ages 0-5	
All		7.1	8.3		
African-American		0.0	0.0		
Asian		0.0	0.0		
Latino		9.2	0.0		
Native American		17.4	0.0		
White		6.6	9.9		
CHILD ABUSE (1996)					
Number of reports				521	
Rate (per 1,000)				113.6	
GUN INJURIES & DEATHS (1997)		Ages 0-17		Ages 0-5	
Injuries		0	0		
Deaths		1	0		
MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES & DEATHS (1998)		Ages 0-17		Ages 0-5	
Injuries		49	5		
Deaths		0	0		

Plumas County  
Rankings

## Family Economics

Children living in poverty (0-17)	25 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	28 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	25 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	33 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	5 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	1 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	NR / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	NA / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	NA / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	47 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	NR / 48
Child support: \$ collected	NR / 48

## Health

Late/no prenatal care	NR / 49
Low birthweight infants	NR / 49
Infant mortality	NR / 37
Teen births	NR / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	6 / 58

## Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	36 / 57
Average class size	11 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	12 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	7 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	17 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	4 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	1 / 56

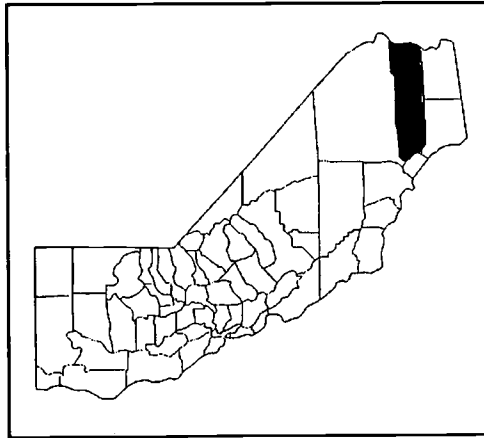
## Safety

Foster care rate (0-17)	23 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	NR / 48
Child abuse	41 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	NR / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	NR / 44

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# Riverside County



## County Highlights

Riverside County has the largest average class size among the counties and a per pupil expenditure below the state average. The county's third graders' test scores are also below the state average. Riverside made improvements from 1995 to 1997 in the county's percentage of expectant mothers receiving prenatal care, infant mortality rate and teen birth rate.

## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	1,470,398	439,708	151,621	100%
African-American	79,303	26,272	9,123	6%
Asian	59,680	18,981	6,907	5%
Latino	426,259	175,268	71,502	47%
Native American	11,471	3,576	1,283	1%
White	893,685	215,611	62,806	41%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		23,319		

## Family Economics

CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
Percent	19.7%	22.7%
<b>CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)</b>	Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-5
All	13.5%	15.8%
African-American	39.4%	44.4%
Asian	11.4%	8.8%
Latino	15.2%	15.7%
Native American	13.9%	13.8%
White	9.1%	12.5%
<b>CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)</b>		
Number of participants		36,464
Percent of all eligible		57.8%
<b>FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)</b>		
Two bedroom		\$587
As percent of minimum wage		61.3%

## BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)

	Number	Percent
All	7,450	31.9%
African-American	292	19.3%
Asian	109	11.6%
Latino	5,906	49.0%
Native American	48	34.0%
White	1,090	12.6%

## CHILD CARE

Cost/month—infant	\$563	NA	\$562
Cost/month—preschool	\$390	NA	\$369
Child care centers:	3%	NA	4%
% spaces for infants			

## CHILD SUPPORT

	1996	1997	1998
Percent cases with orders	51%	57%	61%
Money collected mo./case with order	\$50	\$60	\$69



## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE	1995	1996	1997
All	6.7%	5.7%	5.5%
African-American	6.4%	5.3%	5.9%
Asian	5.2%	4.8%	4.7%
Latino	8.6%	7.3%	6.5%
Native American	12.1%	10.2%	9.2%
White	4.4%	3.6%	4.0%
<b>PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>
All	5.8%	6.1%	6.6%
African-American	10.8%	11.3%	13.6%
Asian	6.6%	7.7%	8.4%
Latino	5.3%	5.8%	6.0%
Native American	5.2%	5.1%	7.8%
White	5.4%	5.6%	5.9%
<b>INFANT MORTALITY RATES (per 1,000)</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>
All	7.1	6.4	6.0
African-American	14.9	15.0	13.2
Asian	6.3	6.8	7.4
Latino	6.9	5.2	5.1
Native American	0.0	0.0	14.2
White	6.3	6.6	5.8
<b>TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>
All	75.8	69.2	65.1
African-American	102.0	97.5	95.2
Asian	34.2	34.1	31.8
Latino	127.8	118.3	115.7
Native American	97.9	64.8	75.9
White	41.4	37.3	32.1
<b>MOTHERS WHO INITIATE EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING</b>			
Percent			1997
			37%

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## Education

CLASSROOMS	1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start	NA	39.9%	NA
Average class size	30.9	28.5	28.6
Per pupil expenditure	\$4,059	\$4,328	\$4,665
<b>STUDENT PROFICIENCY</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>
Students with limited English Proficiency	19%	19%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.		38%	42%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.		39%	49%
<b>PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)</b>			
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)			3.7
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)			0.8
<b>Safety</b>			
<b>FOSTER CARE RATES (1997—per 1,000)</b>	<b>Ages 0-17</b>	<b>Ages 0-5</b>	
All	8.2	8.0	
African-American	27.1	23.2	
Asian	1.3	2.0	
Latino	5.9	5.3	
Native American	25.2	29.4	
White	8.0	9.1	
<b>CHILD ABUSE (1996)</b>			
Number of reports		26,805	
Rate (per 1,000)		64.2	
<b>GUN INJURIES &amp; DEATHS (1997)</b>	<b>Ages 0-17</b>	<b>Ages 0-5</b>	
Injuries	26	1	
Deaths	11	0	
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES &amp; DEATHS (1998)</b>	<b>Ages 0-17</b>	<b>Ages 0-5</b>	
Injuries	2,092	309	
Deaths	31	6	

Riverside County  
Rankings

## Family Economics

Children living in poverty (0-17)	27 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	26 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	27 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	25 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	41 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	30 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	33 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	22 / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	22 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	23 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	39 / 48
Child support: \$ collected	46 / 48

## Health

Late/no prenatal care	40 / 49
Low birthweight infants	34 / 49
Infant mortality	23 / 37
Teen births	41 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	44 / 58

## Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	48 / 57
Average class size	58 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	52 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	51 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	40 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	51 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	41 / 56

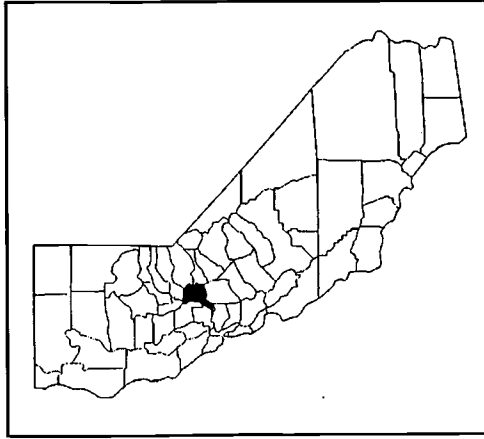
## Safety

Foster care rate (0-17)	31 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	27 / 48
Child abuse	12 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	12 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	13 / 44

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# Sacramento County



## County Highlights

Sacramento County has one of the higher proportions of children in poverty. Also, Sacramento has a lower than average record of establishing child support orders for families who need them. Sacramento has improved from 1995 to 1997 in the percentage of expectant mothers receiving prenatal care and teen birth rate. Sacramento has one of the better records of Head Start enrollment. The county's third graders' test scores are above the state average.

## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	1,166,303	327,795	112,070	100%
African-American	116,102	40,124	13,950	12%
Asian	128,006	43,994	16,046	14%
Latino	152,452	56,110	21,240	19%
Native American	12,193	3,225	972	1%
White	757,550	184,342	59,862	53%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		17,312		

## Family Economics

CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
Percent	24.5%	26.9%
<b>CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)</b>	Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-5
All	26.2%	28.4%
African-American	52.4%	62.7%
Asian	47.2%	37.5%
Latino	21.6%	23.9%
Native American	19.3%	21.9%
White	16.9%	19.6%
<b>CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)</b>		
Number of participants	24,019	
Percent of all eligible	56.4%	
<b>FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)</b>		
Two bedroom	\$648	
As percent of minimum wage	67.6%	

## BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)

	Number	Percent
All	4,003	23.1%
African-American	505	23.2%
Asian	670	26.6%
Latino	1,509	42.2%
Native American	44	34.1%
White	1,268	14.4%

## CHILD CARE

Cost/month—infant	1996	1997	1998
	\$633	NA	\$634
Cost/month—preschool	\$459	NA	\$436
Child care centers:	6%	NA	6%
% spaces for infants			

## CHILD SUPPORT

Percent cases with orders	1996	1997	1998
	39%	50%	52%
Money collected mo./case with order	\$121	\$129	\$128

## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE		1995	1996	1997
All		6.9%	5.2%	4.9%
African-American		8.4%	6.9%	5.3%
Asian		5.7%	4.3%	4.8%
Latino		9.5%	7.6%	6.7%
Native American		14.4%	11.5%	10.1%
White		5.9%	4.0%	3.9%
PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS		1995	1996	1997
All		6.6%	6.1%	6.9%
African-American		11.8%	12.6%	12.8%
Asian		6.5%	6.1%	7.6%
Latino		6.0%	4.8%	6.0%
Native American		8.8%	5.4%	7.8%
White		5.6%	5.2%	5.5%
INFANT MORTALITY RATES (per 1,000)		1995	1996	1997
All		7.0	6.9	7.0
African-American		14.0	13.1	11.5
Asian		4.6	2.4	5.6
Latino		7.0	6.9	5.6
Native American		6.3	0.0	0.0
White		6.1	6.8	7.0
TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)		1995	1996	1997
All		66.4	57.1	54.4
African-American		107.0	91.8	94.5
Asian		67.1	50.7	52.1
Latino		112.4	105.4	94.8
Native American		59.9	43.8	44.4
White		45.7	38.6	35.6
MOTHERS WHO INITIATE EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING		1997		
Percent		59%		

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## Education

CLASSROOMS		1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start		NA	56.9%	NA
Average class size		28.4	27.3	26.6
Per pupil expenditure		\$4,256	\$4,516	\$4,970
STUDENT PROFICIENCY		1997	1998	1999
Students with limited English Proficiency		17%	17%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.			45%	55%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.			44%	56%
PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)				
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)				3.0
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)				0.8

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES (1997—per 1,000)		Ages 0-17		Ages 0-5	
All		13.0		11.9	
African-American		38.3		33.5	
Asian		1.8		1.6	
Latino		10.7		9.3	
Native American		22.9		24.9	
White		10.7		10.2	
CHILD ABUSE (1996)				33,000	
Number of reports				103.5	
Rate (per 1,000)					
GUN INJURIES & DEATHS (1997)		Ages 0-17		Ages 0-5	
Injuries		33		2	
Deaths		20		3	
MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES & DEATHS (1998)		Ages 0-17		Ages 0-5	
Injuries		2,281		314	
Deaths		11		1	

## Sacramento County Rankings

Family Economics		
Children living in poverty (0-17)		37 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)		35 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)		50 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)		48 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance		46 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage		35 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education		22 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant		29 / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool		38 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants		8 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders		44 / 48
Child support: \$ collected		5 / 48
Health		
Late/no prenatal care		36 / 49
Low birthweight infants		44 / 49
Infant mortality		26 / 37
Teen births		33 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding		32 / 58

## Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start		14 / 57
Average class size		44 / 58
Per pupil expenditure		34 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average		25 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average		23 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open		55 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs		40 / 56

## Safety

Foster care rate (0-17)		45 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)		37 / 48
Child abuse		29 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)		34 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)		33 / 44

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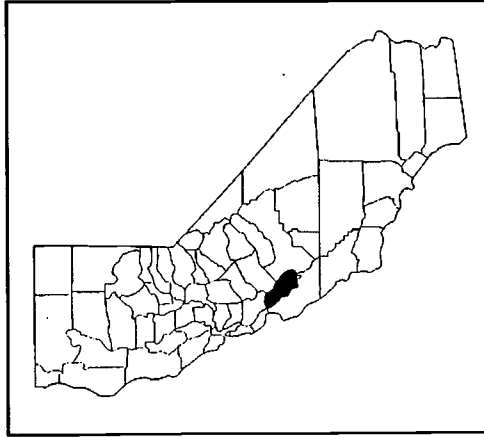
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# San Benito County



## County Highlights

One of the state's fastest growing counties, San Benito County has a high percentage of expectant mothers receiving prenatal care and a low percentage of low birthweight infants. San Benito also has one of the highest percentages of child care center spaces dedicated to infants, with a significant increase from 1996 to 1998. Compared to infants statewide, San Benito infants are slightly more likely to be born to mothers with less than a high school education.

## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	48,356	14,252	5,083	100%
African-American	202	72	23	<1%
Asian	1,003	266	108	2%
Latino	21,021	7,716	2,988	59%
Native American	255	36	10	<1%
White	25,875	6,162	1,954	38%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		888		

## Family Economics

CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
Percent	15.4%	17.6%
<b>CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)</b>	Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-5
All	8.7%	10.0%
African-American	26.4%	43.5%
Asian	2.6%	2.8%
Latino	12.4%	13.7%
Native American	2.8%	0.0%
White	4.1%	4.5%
<b>CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)</b>		
Number of participants	1,469	
Percent of all eligible	79.7%	
<b>FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)</b>		
Two bedroom	\$665	
As percent of minimum wage	69.4%	

## BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)

	Number	Percent
All	304	34.2%
African-American	NS	NS
Asian	0	0.0%
Latino	276	51.2%
Native American	NS	NS
White	26	8.3%

## CHILD CARE

Cost/month—infant	1996	1997	1998
Cost/month—preschool	\$511	NA	NA
Child care centers:	\$399	NA	\$443
% spaces for infants	4%	NA	15%

## CHILD SUPPORT

Percent cases with orders	1996	1997	1998
Money collected mo./case with order	54%	61%	63%
	\$69	\$75	\$76

## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE	1995	1996	1997
All	2.3%	2.6%	1.8%
African-American	NS	NS	NS
Asian	0.0%	7.1%	0.0%
Latino	3.1%	2.5%	2.6%
Native American	NS	NS	NS
White	1.0%	2.6%	.6%

PERCENT LOW  
BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS

	1995	1996	1997
All	4.9%	4.9%	4.1%
African-American	NS	NS	NS
Asian	0.0%	28.6%	4.2%
Latino	4.8%	3.7%	5.0%
Native American	NS	NS	NS
White	5.4%	5.9%	2.5%

INFANT MORTALITY  
RATES (per 1,000)

	1995	1996	1997
All	3.8	5.0	6.8
African-American	NS	NS	NS
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0
Latino	6.3	3.9	11.1
Native American	NS	NS	NS
White	0.0	7.4	0.0

## TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)

	1995	1996	1997
All	68.7	72.3	61.2
African-American	62.5	71.4	0.0
Asian	28.6	58.8	29.4
Latino	102.8	110.0	92.1
Native American	0.0	0.0	NS
White	28.6	27.0	26.4

MOTHERS WHO INITIATE  
EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING

Percent	1997
	35%

## Education

CLASSROOMS	1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start	NA	89.3%	NA
Average class size	28.2	27.5	26.5
Per pupil expenditure	\$4,140	\$4,408	\$4,735

## STUDENT PROFICIENCY

	1997	1998	1999
Students with limited English Proficiency	17%	16%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.		42%	53%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.		39%	51%

## PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)

	1997	1998	1999
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)			5.9
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)			1.0

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES  
(1997—per 1,000)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
All	4.6	3.3
African-American	55.6	69.0
Asian	0.0	0.0
Latino	5.0	3.4
Native American	0.0	0.0
White	3.6	2.1

## CHILD ABUSE (1996)

	1996
Number of reports	734
Rate (per 1,000)	55.7

## GUN INJURIES &amp; DEATHS (1997)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	1	0
Deaths	0	0

MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES  
& DEATHS (1998)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	95	12
Deaths	1	1

San Benito County  
Rankings

## Family Economics

Children living in poverty (0-17)	15 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	13 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	18 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	15 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	9 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	39 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	44 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	NA / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	40 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	2 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	35 / 48
Child support: \$ collected	37 / 48

## Health

Late/no prenatal care	5 / 49
Low birthweight infants	3 / 49
Infant mortality	NR / 37
Teen births	40 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	46 / 58

## Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	6 / 57
Average class size	43 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	46 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	31 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	35 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	37 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	36 / 56

## Safety

Foster care rate (0-17)	10 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	5 / 48
Child abuse	10 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	25 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	28 / 44

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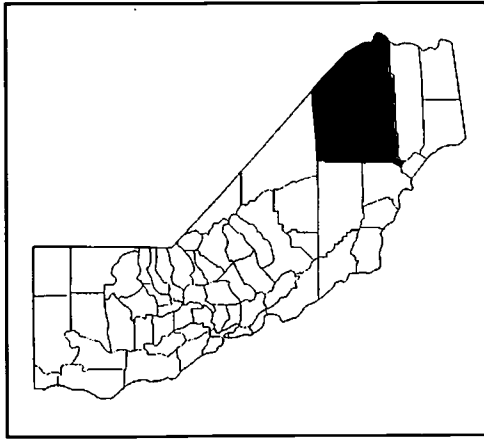
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# San Bernardino County



## County Highlights

San Bernardino County is one of the state's fastest growing. Its average class size is among the largest and third grade students' test scores remain below the state average. While San Bernardino's teen birth rate is declining, it remains well above the state average. The teen birth rates for all ethnic groups, except that of Native American youth, are higher than the average for their counterparts statewide. San Bernardino made improvements from 1995 to 1997 in the proportion of expectant mothers receiving prenatal care.

## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	1,652,363	537,480	185,239	100%
African-American	142,961	52,157	17,544	9%
Asian	80,011	25,946	9,516	5%
Latino	514,420	212,418	85,144	46%
Native American	10,870	2,901	992	1%
White	904,101	244,058	72,043	39%
TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)		28,319		

## Family Economics

CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
Percent	22.9%	25.7%
CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)		
	Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-5
All	19.0%	21.1%
African-American	40.7%	46.6%
Asian	15.9%	11.7%
Latino	20.6%	20.7%
Native American	26.1%	26.2%
White	13.2%	16.6%
CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)		
Number of participants	43,318	
Percent of all eligible	52.7%	
FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)		
Two bedroom		\$587
As percent of minimum wage		61.3%

## BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)

	Number	Percent
All	9,402	33.2%
African-American	654	24.6%
Asian	155	11.2%
Latino	6,938	48.7%
Native American	53	37.6%
White	1,598	16.2%

## CHILD CARE

Cost/month—infant	1996	1997	1998
Cost/month—preschool	\$520	NA	\$507
Child care centers:	\$381	NA	\$382
% spaces for infants	4%	NA	4%

## CHILD SUPPORT

Percent cases with orders	1996	1997	1998
Money collected mo./case with order	25%	41%	39%
	\$110	\$89	\$89



## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE		1995	1996	1997
All		6.7%	5.2%	4.9%
African-American		6.6%	4.9%	5.0%
Asian		5.3%	4.4%	3.7%
Latino		7.9%	6.0%	5.6%
Native American		11%	10.9%	11.3%
White		5.2%	4.1%	4.0%
PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS		1995	1996	1997
All		6.7%	6.6%	6.7%
African-American		12.2%	12.0%	12.5%
Asian		6.7%	6.9%	6.5%
Latino		5.7%	5.6%	5.7%
Native American		9.6%	4.6%	9.2%
White		6.5%	6.5%	6.6%
INFANT MORTALITY RATES (per 1,000)		1995	1996	1997
All		7.7	7.1	8.3
African-American		19.3	13.5	19.2
Asian		4.8	2.8	3.6
Latino		6.6	6.5	6.5
Native American		13.7	5.7	7.1
White		6.5	7.0	8.6
TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)		1995	1996	1997
All		79.8	73.9	68.7
African-American		101.7	86.2	89.0
Asian		30.8	24.5	22.7
Latino		129.5	124.6	115.6
Native American		75.1	82.4	62.1
White		46.5	42.0	37.7
MOTHERS WHO INITIATE EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING		1997		
Percent		34%		

## Education

CLASSROOMS	1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start	NA	41.9%	NA
Average class size	30.1	28.5	28.4
Per pupil expenditure	\$4,086	\$4,368	\$4,810
STUDENT PROFICIENCY		1997	1998
Students with limited English Proficiency	16%	16%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.		35%	41%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.		36%	48%
PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)			
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)			3.8
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)			0.8

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES (1997—per 1,000)	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
All	8.3	7.9
African-American	20.4	16.1
Asian	1.0	0.8
Latino	6.1	5.2
Native American	10.3	17.6
White	8.4	9.6
CHILD ABUSE (1996)		
Number of reports		48,825
Rate (per 1,000)		94.1
GUN INJURIES & DEATHS (1997)		Ages 0-17
Injuries	59	2
Deaths	12	1
MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES & DEATHS (1998)		Ages 0-5
Injuries	2,981	473
Deaths	34	10

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Rankings

## Family Economics

Children living in poverty (0-17)	34 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	31 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	41 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	39 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	50 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	30 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	38 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	17 / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	25 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	25 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	48 / 48
Child support: \$ collected	18 / 48

## Health

Late/no prenatal care	35 / 49
Low birthweight infants	46 / 49
Infant mortality	33 / 37
Teen births	44 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	48 / 58

## Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	42 / 57
Average class size	56 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	47 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	54 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	42 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	49 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	42 / 56

## Safety

Foster care rate (0-17)	33 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	26 / 48
Child abuse	32 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	19 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	23 / 44

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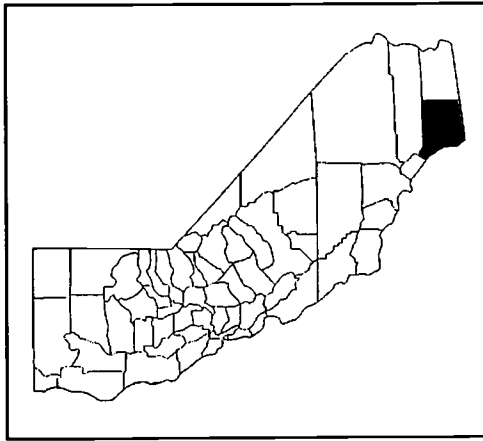
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# San Diego County



## County Highlights

San Diego County is one of the state's largest and fastest growing counties. Its average class size is slightly above the state average. The county's third grade reading and math test scores are among the highest in the state. The county's teen birth rate is lower than the state average. Compared to other counties, expectant mothers are somewhat less likely to receive prenatal care.

## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	2,823,630	773,813	284,731	100%
African-American	172,955	56,355	19,820	7%
Asian	245,742	73,212	27,554	10%
Latino	681,591	267,313	113,771	40%
Native American	15,947	4,062	1,383	<1%
White	1,707,395	372,871	122,203	43%

**TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)** 43,255

## Family Economics

**CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)**

Percent	22.7%	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
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**CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)**

All	11.9%	Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-5
African-American	34.9%		
Asian	13.1%		
Latino	14.6%		
Native American	15.8%		
White	6.3%		

**CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)**

Number of participants	77,621
Percent of all eligible	64.9%

**FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)**

Two bedroom	\$691
As percent of minimum wage	72.1%

**BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)**

All	11,214	Number	Percent
African-American	573		25.9%
Asian	561		19.3%
Latino	8,788		12.7%
Native American	65		49.5%
White	1,216		26.4%
			6.9%

**CHILD CARE**

Cost/month—infant	1996	1997	1998
Cost/month—preschool	\$598	NA	\$599
Child care centers:	\$425	NA	\$421
% spaces for infants	3%	NA	3%

**CHILD SUPPORT**

Percent cases with orders	1996	1997	1998
Money collected mo./case with order	29%	41%	64%
	\$78	\$87	\$77

## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE	1995	1996	1997
All	6.6%	5.5%	5.6%
African-American	6.0%	4.7%	5.3%
Asian	4.0%	3.6%	3.8%
Latino	11.5%	9.3%	9.4%
Native American	5.2%	7.8%	6.5%
White	2.7%	2.2%	2.4%

PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS	1995	1996	1997
All	5.6%	5.8%	5.8%
African-American	10.0%	10.5%	10.6%
Asian	6.8%	7.5%	6.7%
Latino	4.9%	4.9%	5.3%
Native American	5.2%	6.6%	2.8%
White	5.2%	5.5%	5.3%

INFANT MORTALITY RATES (per 1,000)	1995	1996	1997
All	4.9	5.4	5.5
African-American	10.8	10.6	14.5
Asian	2.7	5.1	3.4
Latino	4.7	4.4	5.5
Native American	8.1	4.1	4.1
White	4.6	5.6	4.5

TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)	1995	1996	1997
All	62.8	59.4	49.3
African-American	93.9	81.5	76.5
Asian	40.0	34.7	29.6
Latino	122.9	125.4	102.1
Native American	74.9	82.1	91.9
White	31.6	26.6	20.9

MOTHERS WHO INITIATE EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING	1997
Percent	61%

## Education

CLASSROOMS	1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start	NA	52.0%	NA
Average class size	29.4	27.6	27.5
Per pupil expenditure	\$4,383	\$4,695	\$5,052

STUDENT PROFICIENCY	1997	1998	1999
Students with limited English Proficiency	22%	22%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.		54%	63%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.		56%	68%

PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)	
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)	5.1
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)	1.5

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES (1997—per 1,000)	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
All	8.0	8.4
African-American	32.3	32.3
Asian	1.8	1.9
Latino	6.1	6.0
Native American	37.6	50.8
White	6.6	7.7

CHILD ABUSE (1996)	
Number of reports	84,766
Rate (per 1,000)	116.4

GUN INJURIES & DEATHS (1997)	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	45	1
Deaths	14	2

MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES & DEATHS (1998)	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	3,781	554
Deaths	32	4

## San Diego County Rankings

Family Economics	
Children living in poverty (0-17)	32 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	42 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	23 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	21 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	26 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	41 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	26 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	36 / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	48 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	34 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	46 / 48
Child support: \$ collected	29 / 48

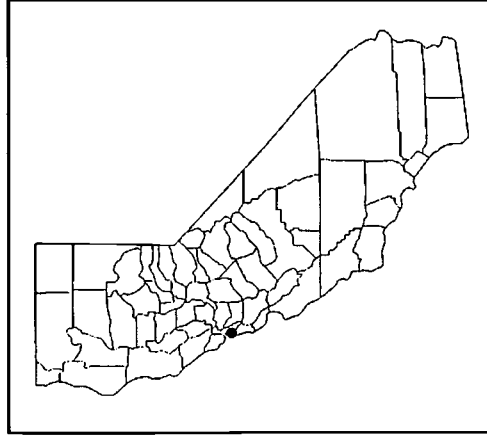
Health	
Late/no prenatal care	39 / 49
Low birthweight infants	27 / 49
Infant mortality	12 / 37
Teen births	29 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	28 / 58

Education	
Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	22 / 57
Average class size	52 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	21 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	11 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	4 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	43 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	29 / 56

Safety	
Foster care rate	32 / 57
Foster care months in placement	29 / 48
Child abuse	39 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	10 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	8 / 44

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# San Francisco County



## County Highlights

One of the state's fastest growing counties, San Francisco County is an expensive place for families, with rent and child care costs among the state's highest. San Francisco has one of the best rates among the counties of expectant mothers receiving prenatal care and among the lowest average infant mortality rates, although the rate for African-American infants is well above the state average for African-American infants. San Francisco has one of the lowest rates of child abuse reports and one of the highest foster care rates.

## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	784,624	148,870	53,932	100%
African-American	78,447	20,089	6,389	12%
Asian	259,087	55,636	19,450	36%
Latino	123,828	32,083	12,307	23%
Native American	2,714	395	114	<1%
White	320,548	40,667	15,672	29%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		8,196		

## Family Economics

### CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)

Percent	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
	20.6%	22.3%

### CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)

	Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-5
All	9.9%	9.3%
African-American	29.1%	35.4%
Asian	9.1%	6.5%
Latino	6.5%	6.8%
Native American	9.9%	14.9%
White	4.4%	4.2%

### CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)

Number of participants	13,323
Percent of all eligible	74.4%

### FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)

Two bedroom	\$987
As percent of minimum wage	103.0%

### BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)

	Number	Percent
All	1,711	20.9%
African-American	181	23.1%
Asian	526	18.8%
Latino	878	45.4%
Native American	4	20.0%
White	118	4.5%

### CHILD CARE

Cost/month—infant	1996	1997	1998
Cost/month—preschool	\$780	NA	\$922
Child care centers:	\$542	NA	\$623
% spaces for infants	4%	NA	3%

### CHILD SUPPORT

Percent cases with orders	1996	1997	1998
Money collected mo./case with order	78%	79%	81%
	\$71	\$72	\$77

## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE		1995	1996	1997
All		3.6%	2.5%	3.0%
African-American		9.2%	4.6%	7.3%
Asian		2.7%	1.9%	2.3%
Latino		4.6%	4.0%	4.2%
Native American		14.3%	13.3%	5.0%
White		1.7%	1.4%	1.5%
PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS		1995	1996	1997
All		7.1%	6.7%	6.6%
African-American		15.4%	15.1%	10.1%
Asian		5.8%	6.4%	6.8%
Latino		5.5%	5.6%	6.4%
Native American		9.5%	6.7%	5.0%
White		6.5%	5.0%	5.4%
INFANT MORTALITY RATES (per 1,000)		1995	1996	1997
All		4.3	4.8	4.5
African-American		10.8	13.6	17.8
Asian		3.7	2.0	3.6
Latino		5.8	7.4	4.1
Native American		0.0	0.0	0.0
White		0.4	3.1	1.9
TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)		1995	1996	1997
All		40.6	35.7	35.2
African-American		81.8	74.5	64.5
Asian		13.9	10.6	13.4
Latino		84.8	77.3	79.4
Native American		64.5	52.6	35.7
White		20.1	15.7	14.4
MOTHERS WHO INITIATE EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING		1997		
Percent		62%		

## Education

CLASSROOMS	1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start	NA	48.3%	NA
Average class size	25.1	24.7	26.0
Per pupil expenditure	\$4,839	\$5,403	\$5,698
STUDENT PROFICIENCY	1997	1998	1999
Students with limited English Proficiency	32%	31%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.		47%	53%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.		51%	56%
PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)			
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)			9.0
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)			6.1

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES (1997—per 1,000)	Ages 0-17		Ages 0-5	
All	22.4		18.2	
African-American	117.6		103.1	
Asian	2.5		2.6	
Latino	11.6		8.0	
Native American	82.9		85.5	
White	9.6		9.2	
CHILD ABUSE (1996)				
Number of reports			7,929	
Rate (per 1,000)			55.5	
GUN INJURIES & DEATHS (1997)	Ages 0-17		Ages 0-5	
Injuries	13		0	
Deaths	3		1	
MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES & DEATHS (1998)	Ages 0-17		Ages 0-5	
Injuries	686		121	
Deaths	3		0	

## San Francisco County Rankings

## Family Economics

Children living in poverty (0-17)	29 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	21 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	20 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	12 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	19 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	55 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	14 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	38 / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	52 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	33 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	8 / 48
Child support: \$ collected	38 / 48

## Health

Late/no prenatal care	11 / 49
Low birthweight infants	48 / 49
Infant mortality	5 / 37
Teen births	9 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	25 / 58

## Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	11 / 57
Average class size	21 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	8 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	31 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	23 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	24 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	5 / 56

## Safety

Foster care rate (0-17)	57 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	48 / 48
Child abuse	5 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	9 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	19 / 44

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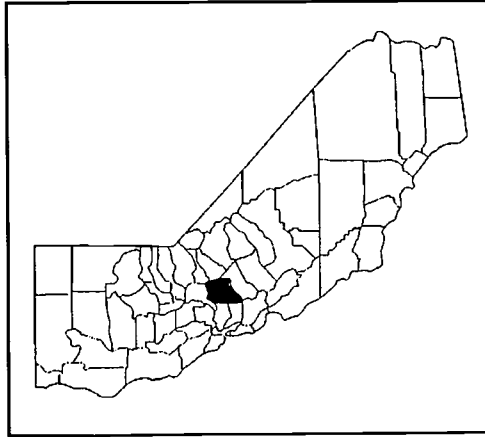
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# San Joaquin County



## County Highlights

San Joaquin County has a higher percentage of poor children than the state average. San Joaquin has one of the highest percentages of low birth-weight births and births to teens among counties. The county has a better record than most in Head Start enrollment among eligible preschoolers. The county decreased its average class size from 1997 to 1998.

## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	554,263	167,900	56,020	100%
African-American	29,438	10,277	3,825	7%
Asian	78,224	30,580	9,173	16%
Latino	141,014	52,285	20,208	36%
Native American	4,005	1,110	406	1%
White	301,582	73,648	22,408	40%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		8,719		

## Family Economics

CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
Percent	27.2%	29.1%

CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)	Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-5
All	24.1%	26.2%
African-American	54.1%	62.9%
Asian	42.3%	33.5%
Latino	22.4%	25.2%
Native American	20.6%	19.7%
White	13.7%	18.0%

CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)	Number	Percent
Number of participants	13,767	
Percent of all eligible	57.2%	

FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)	Amount	Percent
Two bedroom	\$581	
As percent of minimum wage	60.6%	

## BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)

	Number	Percent
All	2,638	30.3%
African-American	177	26.6%
Asian	457	37.6%
Latino	1,557	45.5%
Native American	16	20.0%
White	428	12.9%

## CHILD CARE

Cost/month—infant	\$542	NA	\$486
Cost/month—preschool	\$373	NA	\$367
Child care centers:	4%	NA	5%
% spaces for infants			

## CHILD SUPPORT

Percent cases with orders	64%	72%	72%
Money collected mo./case with order	\$71	\$84	\$89



## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE	1995	1996	1997
All	5.7%	5.4%	5.6%
African-American	7.0%	6.0%	7.1%
Asian	2.9%	4.1%	4.8%
Latino	7.3%	7.6%	7.5%
Native American	7.6%	6.9%	6.3%
White	4.9%	3.4%	3.7%

PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS	1995	1996	1997
All	6.3%	6.6%	6.5%
African-American	11.0%	13.3%	14.1%
Asian	7.0%	7.2%	6.9%
Latino	5.4%	5.6%	5.3%
Native American	5.1%	12.1%	6.3%
White	6.0%	6.1%	6.2%

INFANT MORTALITY RATES (per 1,000)	1995	1996	1997
All	6.4	7.6	7.2
African-American	6.2	23.5	21.1
Asian	3.8	4.8	6.6
Latino	4.2	7.1	5.6
Native American	0.0	0.0	0.0
White	9.6	6.5	6.7

TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)	1995	1996	1997
All	78.8	68.5	68.0
African-American	163.8	124.1	137.9
Asian	57.1	49.0	49.7
Latino	120.3	108.9	112.9
Native American	153.2	80.9	119.7
White	50.1	43.9	38.6

MOTHERS WHO INITIATE EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING	1997
Percent	40%

## Education

CLASSROOMS	1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start	NA	55.3%	NA
Average class size	28.4	27.3	26.7
Per pupil expenditure	\$4,197	\$4,550	\$4,877

STUDENT PROFICIENCY	1997	1998	1999
Students with limited English Proficiency	22%	21%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.		38%	41%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.		38%	47%

PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)	
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)	2.2
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)	0.7

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES (1997—per 1,000)	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
All	8.9	9.2
African-American	42.8	39.2
Asian	1.5	1.6
Latino	6.5	6.9
Native American	8.2	0.0
White	9.0	9.3

CHILD ABUSE (1996)	
Number of reports	13,668
Rate (per 1,000)	84.1

GUN INJURIES & DEATHS (1997)	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	33	0
Deaths	10	0

MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES & DEATHS (1998)	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	1,167	178
Deaths	14	2

## San Joaquin County Rankings

## Family Economics

Children living in poverty (0-17)	46 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	44 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	47 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	44 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	44 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	29 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	34 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	16 / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	21 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	17 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	21 / 48
Child support: \$ collected	26 / 48

## Health

Late/no prenatal care	34 / 49
Low birthweight infants	43 / 49
Infant mortality	29 / 37
Teen births	43 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	41 / 58

## Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	18 / 57
Average class size	45 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	38 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	54 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	47 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	58 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	46 / 56

## Safety

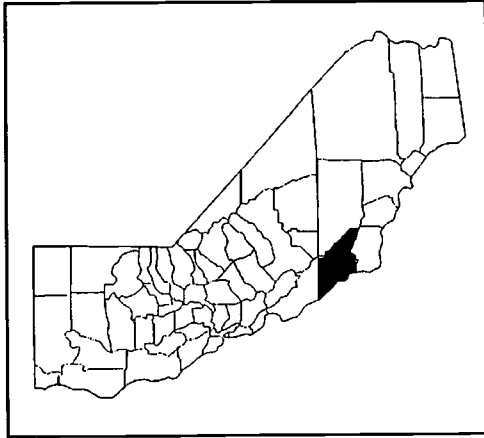
Foster care rate (0-17)	37 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	34 / 48
Child abuse	24 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	28 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	38 / 44

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# San Luis Obispo County



## County Highlights

San Luis Obispo County is one of the ten counties with the highest ranks in indicators of young child well-being. The county's third graders score among the top counties in math and reading tests. The county's infant mortality rate is one of the lowest. San Luis Obispo has one of the higher rates of child abuse reports and has a lower than average rate of children in foster care.

## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	241,169	53,941	16,403	100%
African-American	4,894	1,024	211	1%
Asian	6,887	1,298	452	3%
Latino	34,957	11,425	4,324	26%
Native American	1,672	297	67	<1%
White	192,759	39,897	11,349	69%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		2,491		

## Family Economics

### CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)

Percent	16.7%	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
			20.1%

### CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)

	Percent	Percent	Percent
All	8.5%	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
African-American	17.7%		32.7%
Asian	5.7%		6.6%
Latino	12.0%		12.9%
Native American	7.4%		6.0%
White	7.3%		9.8%

### CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)

Number of participants	2,740
Percent of all eligible	48.6%

### FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)

Two bedroom	\$714
As percent of minimum wage	74.5%

### BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)

	Number	Percent
All	524	21.0%
African-American	1	5.6%
Asian	4	5.7%
Latino	383	55.1%
Native American	2	25.0%
White	134	7.9%

### CHILD CARE

Cost/month—infant	1996	1997	1998
Cost/month—preschool	\$407	NA	\$322
Child care centers:	\$277	NA	\$326
% spaces for infants	1%	NA	1%

### CHILD SUPPORT

Percent cases with orders	1996	1997	1998
Money collected mo./case with order	85%	NR	NR
	\$116	NR	NR

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE	1995	1996	1997
All	5.0%	4.1%	3.3%
African-American	8.3%	10.7%	11.1%
Asian	1.3%	2.8%	4.3%
Latino	8.5%	7.4%	6.6%
Native American	6.3%	12.5%	0.0%
White	3.8%	2.6%	1.8%

PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS	1995	1996	1997
All	4.6%	5.5%	5.4%
African-American	4.2%	14.3%	11.1%
Asian	8.8%	8.5%	8.6%
Latino	4.2%	6.0%	6.0%
Native American	0.0%	0.0%	12.5%
White	4.4%	5.0%	4.9%

INFANT MORTALITY RATES (per 1,000)	1995	1996	1997
All	3.8	4.4	6.0
African-American	0.0	35.7	0.0
Asian	12.5	0.0	0.0
Latino	4.3	4.3	4.3
Native American	0.0	0.0	0.0
White	3.3	4.2	7.1

TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)	1995	1996	1997
All	33.3	28.9	27.1
African-American	53.7	12.4	0.0
Asian	7.1	0.0	6.3
Latino	89.4	91.2	84.4
Native American	88.2	0.0	0.0
White	22.8	18.9	17.8

MOTHERS WHO INITIATE EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING	1997
Percent	82%

## Education

CLASSROOMS	1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start	NA	47.8%	NA
Average class size	27.1	25.9	25.6
Per pupil expenditure	\$4,315	\$4,735	\$4,953

STUDENT PROFICIENCY	1997	1998	1999
Students with limited English Proficiency	8%	8%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.		60%	68%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.		56%	68%

PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)	
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)	10.2
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)	3.9

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES (1997—per 1,000)	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
All	7.6	6.8
African-American	18.8	9.1
Asian	0.0	0.0
Latino	6.2	4.0
Native American	3.2	0.0
White	7.9	8.1

CHILD ABUSE (1996)	
Number of reports	7,774
Rate (per 1,000)	149.4

GUN INJURIES & DEATHS (1997)	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	0	0
Deaths	3	1

MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES & DEATHS (1998)	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	318	34
Deaths	2	0

## San Luis Obispo County Rankings

Family Economics	
Children living in poverty (0-17)	17 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	18 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	13 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	16 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	53 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	44 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	18 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	2 / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	13 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	45 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	NR / 48
Child support: \$ collected	NR / 48

Health	
Late/no prenatal care	24 / 49
Low birthweight infants	10 / 49
Infant mortality	6 / 37
Teen births	3 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	4 / 58

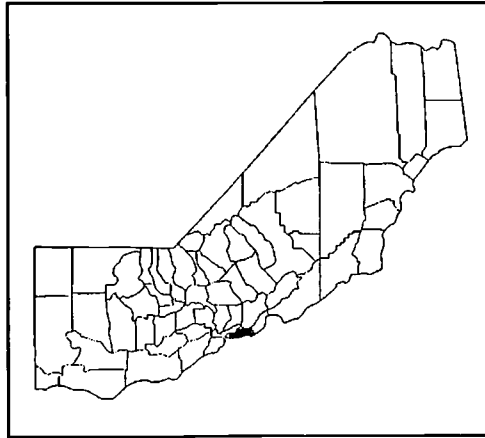
Education	
Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	27 / 57
Average class size	24 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	23 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	3 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	4 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	18 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	12 / 56

Safety	
Foster care rate (0-17)	27 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	20 / 48
Child abuse	46 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	22 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	7 / 44

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# San Mateo County



## County Highlights

San Mateo County is one of the ten counties with the highest ranks in indicators of young child well-being. San Mateo has nearly the lowest percentage among counties of poor and very poor children. The county's rate of child abuse reports and of children in foster care are among the state's lowest. San Mateo is an expensive area for families, with high child care and rental costs.

## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	723,524	176,132	62,490	100%
African-American	33,788	8,625	2,432	4%
Asian	146,615	39,418	14,254	23%
Latino	159,835	54,516	21,086	34%
Native American	3,027	591	156	<1%
White	380,259	72,982	24,562	39%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		10,050		

## Family Economics

CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)		Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
Percent		9.6%	11.2%
CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)		Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-5
All		3.2%	3.6%
African-American		15.7%	19.4%
Asian		1.5%	1.6%
Latino		4.6%	5.4%
Native American		2.7%	2.6%
White		1.6%	1.6%
CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)			
Number of participants			9,018
Percent of all eligible			61.3%
FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)			
Two bedroom			\$987
As percent of minimum wage			103.0%

## BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)

	Number	Percent
All	2,007	20.0%
African-American	57	16.1%
Asian	154	6.7%
Latino	1,642	50.7%
Native American	6	33.3%
White	135	3.3%
CHILD CARE		
Cost/month — infant	1996	1997 1998
	\$745	NA \$835
Cost/month — preschool	\$485	NA \$575
Child care centers:	5%	NA 5%
% spaces for infants		

## CHILD SUPPORT

	1996	1997	1998
Percent cases with orders	51%	58%	72%
Money collected mo./case with order	\$108	\$119	\$122

## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE		1995	1996	1997
All		3.2%	2.8%	3.2%
African-American		5.5%	4.8%	3.7%
Asian		4.2%	3.8%	4.6%
Latino		3.6%	3.7%	3.9%
Native American		10.0%	0.0%	0.0%
White		2.1%	1.6%	1.9%
PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS		1995	1996	1997
All		5.9%	5.7%	5.9%
African-American		14.8%	12.0%	11.8%
Asian		5.8%	7.1%	7.0%
Latino		5.8%	4.8%	5.2%
Native American		5.0%	0.0%	0.0%
White		5.0%	5.3%	5.2%
INFANT MORTALITY RATES (per 1,000)		1995	1996	1997
All		5.1	4.0	5.1
African-American		20.5	12.0	2.8
Asian		5.1	3.1	2.6
Latino		4.2	3.4	5.9
Native American		0.0	0.0	0.0
White		4.3	4.3	6.2
TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)		1995	1996	1997
All		40.0	37.6	35.0
African-American		62.2	57.9	51.7
Asian		17.9	18.4	17.9
Latino		95.2	91.3	83.2
Native American		12.8	26.3	52.6
White		15.9	12.1	10.1
MOTHERS WHO INITIATE EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING		1997		
Percent		76%		

## Education

CLASSROOMS	1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start	NA	46.5%	NA
Average class size	28.2	26.9	26.6
Per pupil expenditure	\$4,444	\$4,686	\$5,058
STUDENT PROFICIENCY	1997	1998	1999
Students with limited English Proficiency	21%	21%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.		57%	63%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.		56%	65%

## PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)

Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)	9.1
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)	3.7

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES  
(1997—per 1,000)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
All	3.7	2.8
African-American	32.2	26.7
Asian	0.8	0.7
Latino	2.8	2.2
Native American	5.2	0.0
White	2.5	2.0

## CHILD ABUSE (1996)

Number of reports	6,803
Rate (per 1,000)	40.8

## GUN INJURIES &amp; DEATHS (1997)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	9	0
Deaths	1	0

## MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES &amp; DEATHS (1998)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	745	89
Deaths	4	2

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## Family Economics

Children living in poverty (0-17)	2 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	3 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	2 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	2 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	33 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	55 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	16 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	36 / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	49 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	16 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	34 / 48
Child support: \$ collected	8 / 48

## Health

Late/no prenatal care	12 / 49
Low birthweight infants	29 / 49
Infant mortality	7 / 37
Teen births	10 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	9 / 58

## Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	31 / 57
Average class size	37 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	19 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	11 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	8 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	23 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	13 / 56

## Safety

Foster care rate (0-17)	6 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	4 / 48
Child abuse	3 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	2 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	1 / 44

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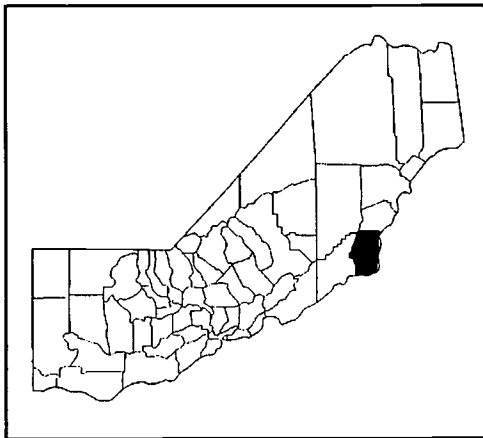
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# Santa Barbara County



## County Highlights

Santa Barbara County has one of the state's lowest foster care rates, while the rate of child abuse reports is slightly above the state average. The county's third graders' test scores in reading and math are above the state average. Santa Barbara has a higher percentage of infants born to mothers with less than a high school education compared to the state as a whole.

## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	404,526	104,459	37,247	100%
African-American	10,136	2,663	788	2%
Asian	18,930	4,720	1,697	5%
Latino	127,911	49,312	20,381	55%
Native American	2,576	483	129	<1%
White	244,973	47,281	14,252	38%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		5,789		

## Family Economics

CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)			Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
Percent	19.3%	22.3%		
CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)			Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-5
All	9.6%	11.4%		
African-American	25.3%	32.1%		
Asian	8.5%	7.5%		
Latino	12.2%	13.2%		
Native American	11.8%	14.7%		
White	6.0%	8.0%		
CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)				
Number of participants			10,698	
Percent of all eligible			65.6%	
FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)				
Two bedroom				\$852
As percent of minimum wage				88.9%

BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)				Number	Percent	
All				2,185	37.7%	
African-American				13	12.5%	
Asian				39	16.3%	
Latino				1,994	60.3%	
Native American				1	4.2%	
White				138	6.6%	
CHILD CARE				1996	1997	1998
Cost/month—infant				\$628	NA	\$669
Cost/month—preschool				\$399	NA	\$459
Child care centers: % spaces for infants				3%	NA	3%
CHILD SUPPORT				1996	1997	1998
Percent cases with orders				76%	87%	89%
Money collected mo./ case with order				\$64	\$69	\$70



## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE	1995	1996	1997
All	4.6%	4.1%	3.6%
African-American	5.9%	4.2%	3.8%
Asian	5.3%	4.3%	2.1%
Latino	6.2%	5.6%	5.0%
Native American	21.1%	5.6%	0.0%
White	2.2%	1.8%	1.6%
<b>PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS</b>	1995	1996	1997
All	5.7%	6.1%	5.8%
African-American	5.9%	11.9%	8.7%
Asian	6.1%	7.4%	6.7%
Latino	5.6%	6.5%	5.8%
Native American	0.0%	5.6%	4.2%
White	5.9%	5.0%	5.5%
<b>INFANT MORTALITY RATES (per 1,000)</b>	1995	1996	1997
All	6.7	3.7	4.5
African-American	0.0	33.9	0.0
Asian	8.1	0.0	0.0
Latino	7.0	3.3	5.4
Native American	52.6	0.0	0.0
White	6.2	3.1	3.8
<b>TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)</b>	1995	1996	1997
All	56.4	56.2	53.0
African-American	38.1	52.3	38.3
Asian	29.9	25.4	21.4
Latino	130.9	130.5	120.4
Native American	74.6	12.8	50.6
White	18.0	18.3	17.0
<b>MOTHERS WHO INITIATE EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING</b>			1997
Percent			60%

## Education

CLASSROOMS	1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start	NA	42.3%	NA
Average class size	27.2	26.1	25.6
Per pupil expenditure	\$4,153	\$4,495	\$4,934
<b>STUDENT PROFICIENCY</b>	1997	1998	1999
Students with limited English Proficiency	26%	27%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.		54%	60%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.		52%	64%
<b>PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)</b>			
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)			6.1
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)			0.4

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES (1997—per 1,000)	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
All	3.6	2.1
African-American	20.0	9.9
Asian	1.1	0.0
Latino	3.0	1.9
Native American	10.2	15.4
White	3.5	2.2
<b>CHILD ABUSE (1996)</b>		
Number of reports		9,328
Rate (per 1,000)		93.1
<b>GUN INJURIES &amp; DEATHS (1997)</b>	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	1	0
Deaths	2	0
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES &amp; DEATHS (1998)</b>	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	448	70
Deaths	5	2

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## Family Economics

Children living in poverty (0-17)	25 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	22 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	16 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	14 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	24 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	52 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	46 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	30 / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	42 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	36 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	4 / 48
Child support: \$ collected	45 / 48

## Health

Late/no prenatal care	23 / 49
Low birthweight infants	30 / 49
Infant mortality	11 / 37
Teen births	28 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	30 / 58

## Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	40 / 57
Average class size	25 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	40 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	18 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	10 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	36 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	48 / 56

## Safety

Foster care rate (0-17)	4 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	1 / 48
Child abuse	26 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	4 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	6 / 44

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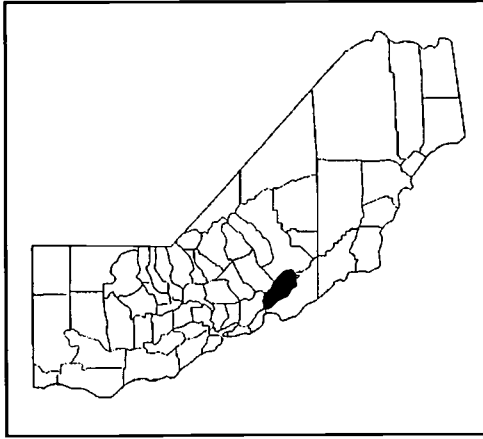
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# Santa Clara County



## County Highlights

Santa Clara County has one of the lowest percentages among counties of young children living in poverty. For those children eligible for the nutrition program WIC, the county has one of the lowest rates of participation. The county has one of the higher percentages of child care center spaces designated for infants, yet costs for child care are among the state's highest. The county's rental costs are also among the state's highest. The county's third graders' test scores are among the best in the state.

## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	1,700,976	442,072	159,845	100%
African-American	60,929	16,463	5,344	3%
Asian	384,503	113,015	42,294	26%
Latino	404,520	141,621	56,234	35%
Native American	5,311	1,009	370	<1%
White	845,713	169,964	55,603	35%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		26,416		

## Family Economics

CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
Percent	13.4%	15.1%
<b>CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)</b>	Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-5
All	7.6%	7.9%
African-American	13.5%	17.1%
Asian	9.6%	6.3%
Latino	11.0%	12.4%
Native American	16.7%	17.0%
White	2.9%	3.5%
<b>CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)</b>		
Number of participants	17,498	
Percent of all eligible	42.7%	
<b>FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)</b>		
Two bedroom	\$987	
As percent of minimum wage	103.0%	

## BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)

	Number	Percent
All	5,331	20.2%
African-American	99	12.8%
Asian	531	7.4%
Latino	4,245	45.6%
Native American	23	29.5%
White	417	4.7%

## CHILD CARE

Cost/month—infant	1996	1997	1998
Cost/month—preschool	\$702	NA	\$901
Child care centers:	\$490	NA	\$608
% spaces for infants	7%	NA	7%

## CHILD SUPPORT

Percent cases with orders	1996	1997	1998
Money collected mo./case with order	56%	64%	74%
	\$92	\$99	\$107

## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE				
	1995	1996	1997	
All	3.7%	3.0%	2.6%	
African-American	3.8%	3.1%	2.6%	
Asian	3.4%	3.0%	2.0%	
Latino	6.3%	4.7%	4.2%	
Native American	5.9%	3.5%	6.4%	
White	1.5%	1.3%	1.3%	
PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS				
	1995	1996	1997	
All	6.1%	6.0%	5.9%	
African-American	10.6%	9.4%	10.7%	
Asian	6.6%	6.8%	6.5%	
Latino	5.8%	5.8%	5.3%	
Native American	7.1%	9.3%	7.7%	
White	5.4%	5.3%	5.5%	
INFANT MORTALITY RATES (per 1,000)				
	1995	1996	1997	
All	5.2	5.1	5.6	
African-American	11.9	17.8	16.8	
Asian	4.2	2.5	3.6	
Latino	5.0	7.1	6.8	
Native American	23.5	0.0	0.0	
White	5.3	4.1	5.1	
TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)				
	1995	1996	1997	
All	49.6	46.0	44.6	
African-American	60.9	55.7	49.7	
Asian	18.4	16.1	16.1	
Latino	113.4	110.2	103.7	
Native American	45.2	58.5	80.5	
White	21.9	16.5	16.5	
MOTHERS WHO INITIATE EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING				
Percent	1997			
	54%			

## Education

CLASSROOMS				
	1996	1997	1998	
% eligible in Head Start	NA	44.9%	NA	
Average class size	28.9	26.9	26.9	
Per pupil expenditure	\$4,442	\$4,747	\$5,169	
STUDENT PROFICIENCY				
	1997	1998	1999	
Students with limited English Proficiency	23%	22%	NA	
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.		63%	65%	
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.		62%	68%	
PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)				
	Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)			
	Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)			
	5.5			
	2.6			

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES (1997—per 1,000)				
	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5		
All	7.3	5.7		
African-American	32.6	25.9		
Asian	1.6	1.1		
Latino	10.3	7.8		
Native American	26.3	13.9		
White	5.8	4.9		
CHILD ABUSE (1996)				
Number of reports		22,700		
Rate (per 1,000)		54.0		
GUN INJURIES & DEATHS (1997)				
	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5		
Injuries	18	0		
Deaths	8	0		
MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES & DEATHS (1998)				
	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5		
Injuries	1,969	277		
Deaths	14	1		

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## Family Economics

Children living in poverty (0-17)	11 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	8 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	12 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	10 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	55 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	55 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	17 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	37 / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	50 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	7 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	28 / 48
Child support: \$ collected	15 / 48

## Health

Late/no prenatal care	13 / 49
Low birthweight infants	32 / 49
Infant mortality	13 / 37
Teen births	19 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	35 / 58

## Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	34 / 57
Average class size	48 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	16 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	7 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	4 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	41 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	17 / 56

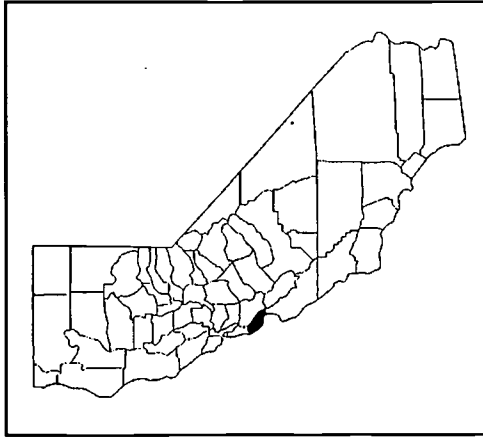
## Safety

Foster care rate (0-17)	28 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	18 / 48
Child abuse	9 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	7 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	12 / 44

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# Santa Cruz County



## County Highlights

Santa Cruz County has one of the lowest percentages among counties of infants born at low birthweight. The county's rate of expectant mothers receiving prenatal care has improved each year from 1995 to 1997. Its teen birth rate declined during this time. Compared to the state average, Santa Cruz children eligible for the nutrition program WIC are less likely to participate. Santa Cruz has more public library hours and preschool programs available per child than the state average.

## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	251,475	63,948	21,745	100%
African-American	2,741	733	168	1%
Asian	9,978	2,290	745	3%
Latino	59,907	24,546	10,423	48%
Native American	1,378	246	56	<1%
White	177,471	36,133	10,353	48%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		3,559		

## Family Economics

### CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)

Percent	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
	17.8%	21.7%

### CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)

	Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-5
All	7.6%	9.2%
African-American	21.1%	32.7%
Asian	4.5%	4.7%
Latino	11.3%	11.6%
Native American	7.7%	5.4%
White	5.0%	6.7%

### CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)

Number of participants	4,992
Percent of all eligible	60.2%

### FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)

Two bedroom	\$985
As percent of minimum wage	102.8%

### BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)

	Number	Percent
All	1,166	32.8%
African-American	5	25.0%
Asian	6	6.3%
Latino	1,054	60.9%
Native American	2	14.3%
White	93	5.7%

### CHILD CARE

Cost/month—infant	1996	1997	1998
Cost/month—preschool	\$698	NA	\$717
Child care centers:	\$490	NA	\$525
% spaces for infants	6%	NA	6%

### CHILD SUPPORT

Percent cases with orders	1996	1997	1998
Money collected mo./case with order	45%	65%	66%
	\$133	\$153	\$150

## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE		1995	1996	1997
All		3.9%	3.6%	2.3%
African-American		11.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Asian		3.2%	5.1%	3.1%
Latino		6.0%	5.2%	3.0%
Native American		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
White		1.8%	2.1%	1.7%
PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS		1995	1996	1997
All		4.7%	4.4%	5.1%
African-American		14.8%	4.8%	10.0%
Asian		4.3%	4.3%	7.3%
Latino		4.9%	4.0%	4.8%
Native American		0.0%	9.1%	7.1%
White		4.5%	4.5%	5.1%
INFANT MORTALITY RATES (per 1,000)		1995	1996	1997
All		3.7	6.1	4.8
African-American		0.0	47.6	0.0
Asian		0.0	8.5	10.4
Latino		4.2	6.6	4.6
Native American		0.0	0.0	0.0
White		3.7	5.2	4.9
TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)		1995	1996	1997
All		52.7	45.8	41.5
African-American		43.1	7.9	36.8
Asian		9.9	2.4	4.5
Latino		135.3	129.8	117.3
Native American		44.4	17.5	0.0
White		22.6	16.1	13.5
MOTHERS WHO INITIATE EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING		1997		
Percent		62%		

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## Education

CLASSROOMS		1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start		NA	53.1%	NA
Average class size		29.0	27.8	27.4
Per pupil expenditure		\$4,267	\$4,633	\$4,927
STUDENT PROFICIENCY		1997	1998	1999
Students with limited English Proficiency		27%	27%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.			58%	62%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.			59%	67%
PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)				
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)				9.4
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)				2.1

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES (1997—per 1,000)		Ages 0-17		Ages 0-5	
All		6.6		5.9	
African-American		23.3		34.9	
Asian		1.4		1.4	
Latino		6.7		5.2	
Native American		3.9		0.0	
White		6.5		6.4	
CHILD ABUSE (1996)					
Number of reports				5,652	
Rate (per 1,000)				91.2	
GUN INJURIES & DEATHS (1997)		Ages 0-17		Ages 0-5	
Injuries		1		0	
Deaths		1		0	
MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES & DEATHS (1998)		Ages 0-17		Ages 0-5	
Injuries		326		45	
Deaths		3		0	

## Santa Cruz County Rankings

## Family Economics

Children living in poverty (0-17)	22 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	20 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	11 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	11 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	36 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	54 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	41 / 58
Child care cost/month—infant	33 / 41
Child care cost/month—preschool	46 / 55
Child care: % spaces for infants	11 / 42
Child support: % cases w/ orders	37 / 58
Child support: \$ collected	3 / 58

## Health

Late/no prenatal care	16 / 49
Low birthweight infants	5 / 49
Infant mortality	10 / 37
Teen births	18 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	25 / 58

## Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	20 / 57
Average class size	51 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	27 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	15 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	7 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	22 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	22 / 56

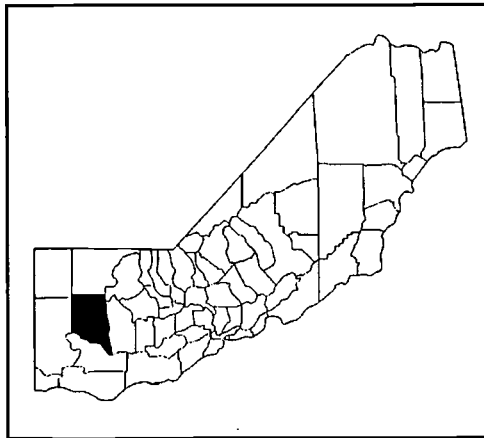
## Safety

Foster care rate (0-17)	24 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	16 / 48
Child abuse	28 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	13 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	10 / 44

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# Shasta County



## County Highlights

Shasta County has a higher percentage of poor and very poor children than the state average. The county has one of the best rates of expectant mothers receiving prenatal care and its percent of infants born at low birthweight has improved each year from 1995 to 1997. The county has one of the lower percentages of children eligible for Head Start enrolled in this preschool program.

## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	166,807	43,576	12,969	100%
African-American	1,197	403	116	1%
Asian	4,089	1,716	513	4%
Latino	7,515	2,898	960	7%
Native American	4,172	1,273	454	4%
White	149,834	37,286	10,926	84%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		2,000		

## Family Economics

### CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)

Percent	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
	24.0%	27.6%

### CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)

	Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-5
All	22.2%	27.2%
African-American	47.1%	78.4%
Asian	51.0%	37.6%
Latino	10.8%	15.1%
Native American	28.3%	29.1%
White	21.3%	27.2%

### CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)

Number of participants	3,625
Percent of all eligible	57.3%

### FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)

Two bedroom	\$510
As percent of minimum wage	53.2%

### BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)

	Number	Percent
All	453	22.7%
African-American	8	34.8%
Asian	11	19.6%
Latino	59	41.8%
Native American	26	29.5%
White	348	20.6%

### CHILD CARE

Cost/month—infant	1996	1997	1998
Cost/month—preschool	\$425	NA	\$480
Child care centers:	\$273	NA	\$361
% spaces for infants	3%	NA	4%

### CHILD SUPPORT

Percent cases with orders	1996	1997	1998
Money collected mo./case with order	76%	68%	72%
	\$65	\$70	\$73



## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE	1995	1996	1997
All	3.8%	2.4%	2.5%
African-American	13.3%	17.4%	4.3%
Asian	4.3%	1.6%	1.8%
Latino	1.4%	6.1%	4.3%
Native American	9.1%	4.7%	6.8%
White	3.7%	1.8%	2.1%

PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS	1995	1996	1997
All	5.6%	5.0%	4.8%
African-American	13.3%	4.3%	8.7%
Asian	10.0%	6.5%	8.9%
Latino	6.2%	5.4%	5.0%
Native American	1.3%	9.3%	4.5%
White	5.5%	4.7%	4.6%

INFANT MORTALITY RATES (per 1,000)	1995	1996	1997
All	6.9	5.9	8.5
African-American	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0
Latino	6.8	6.8	7.1
Native American	0.0	0.0	0.0
White	7.5	6.4	9.5

TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)	1995	1996	1997
All	52.7	55.0	55.0
African-American	115.4	108.7	235.3
Asian	62.5	63.5	19.7
Latino	87.6	97.2	106.1
Native American	111.1	58.5	108.3
White	47.2	51.1	49.5

MOTHERS WHO INITIATE EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING	1997
Percent	79%

## Education

CLASSROOMS	1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start	NA	38.0%	NA
Average class size	27.6	26.2	25.8
Per pupil expenditure	\$4,144	\$4,629	\$4,994

STUDENT PROFICIENCY	1997	1998	1999
Students with limited English Proficiency	3%	3%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.		47%	49%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.		42%	49%

PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)	
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)	2.2
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)	0.7

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES (1997—per 1,000)	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
All	10.6	11.6
African-American	62.0	104.3
Asian	0.6	0.0
Latino	5.3	7.3
Native American	41.2	48.3
White	9.9	10.1

CHILD ABUSE (1996)	
Number of reports	6,337
Rate (per 1,000)	146.3

GUN INJURIES & DEATHS (1997)	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	0	0
Deaths	2	0

MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES & DEATHS (1998)	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	311	39
Deaths	4	1

## Shasta County Rankings

Family Economics	
Children living in poverty (0-17)	35 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	39 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	45 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	47 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	43 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	15 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	20 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	14 / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	20 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	26 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	17 / 48
Child support: \$ collected	43 / 48

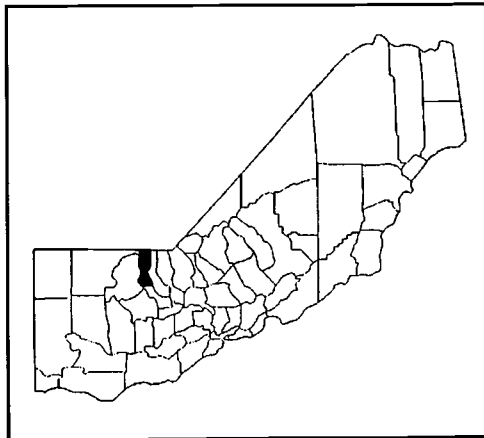
Health	
Late/no prenatal care	8 / 49
Low birthweight infants	11 / 49
Infant mortality	28 / 37
Teen births	25 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	5 / 58

Education	
Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	52 / 57
Average class size	27 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	32 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	36 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	40 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	57 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	44 / 56

Safety	
Foster care rate (0-17)	40 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	40 / 48
Child abuse	48 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	27 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	24 / 44

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# Sierra County



## County Highlights

Sierra County is the second smallest of California's counties. The county has the lowest percentage among counties of poor young children and one of the highest rates of children eligible for the nutrition program WIC receiving such assistance. The county's average class size is nearly the smallest. The county's third-grade reading scores are substantially above the state average, while the math scores are slightly above.

## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	3,403	701	122	100%
African-American	6	2	0	0%
Asian	10	2	2	2%
Latino	196	58	11	9%
Native American	60	15	0	0%
White	3,131	624	109	89%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		12		

## Family Economics

CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
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Percent	10.6%	9.6%
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CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)	Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-5
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All	10.7%	22.1%
African-American	NS	NS
Asian	NS	NS
Latino	6.9%	9.1%
Native American	26.7%	NS
White	9.9%	20.2%

### CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)

Number of participants	45
Percent of all eligible	125.0%

### FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)

Two bedroom	\$497
As percent of minimum wage	51.9%

### BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)

	Number	Percent
All	6	50.0%
African-American	NS	NS
Asian	NS	NS
Latino	NS	NS
Native American	NS	NS
White	5	45.5%

### CHILD CARE

Cost/month—infant	1996	1997	1998
Cost/month—preschool	NA	NA	NA
Child care centers:	\$282	NA	NA
% spaces for infants	NA	NA	0%

### CHILD SUPPORT

Percent cases with orders	1996	1997	1998
Money collected mo./case with order	90%	88%	87%
	\$110	\$138	\$125

## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE		1995	1996	1997
All	4.3%	0.0%	8.3%	
African-American	NS	NS	NS	
Asian	NS	NS	NS	
Latino	NS	NS	NS	
Native American	NS	NS	NS	
White	4.8%	0.0%	0.0%	
PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS		1995	1996	1997
All	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
African-American	NS	NS	NS	
Asian	NS	NS	NS	
Latino	NS	NS	NS	
Native American	NS	NS	NS	
White	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
INFANT MORTALITY RATES (per 1,000)		1995	1996	1997
All	0.0	0.0	0.0	
African-American	NS	NS	NS	
Asian	NS	NS	NS	
Latino	NS	NS	NS	
Native American	NS	NS	NS	
White	0.0	0.0	0.0	
TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)		1995	1996	1997
All	23.1	7.3	14.8	
African-American	NS	NS	NS	
Asian	NS	NS	NS	
Latino	0.0	0.0	142.9	
Native American	NS	NS	NS	
White	25.6	8.0	7.9	
MOTHERS WHO INITIATE EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING		1997		
Percent		67%		

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## Education

CLASSROOMS		1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start	NA	100.0%	NA	
Average class size	16.9	16.5	15.8	
Per pupil expenditure	\$6,018	\$6,477	\$2,702	
STUDENT PROFICIENCY		1997	1998	1999
Students with limited English Proficiency	0%	0%	NA	
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.		54%	69%	
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.		56%	58%	
PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)				
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)			71.0	
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)			NA	

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES (1997—per 1,000)		Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
All		13.5	8.3
African-American		NS	NS
Asian		NS	NS
Latino		0.0	0.0
Native American		0.0	NS
White		12.0	9.3
CHILD ABUSE (1996)			
Number of reports			87
Rate (per 1,000)			111.8
GUN INJURIES & DEATHS (1997)		Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries		0	0
Deaths		0	0
MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES & DEATHS (1998)		Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries		17	2
Deaths		0	0

## Sierra County Rankings

## Family Economics

Children living in poverty (0-17)	4 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	1 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	15 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	36 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	2 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	11 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	NR / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	NA / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	NA / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	47 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	1 / 48
Child support: \$ collected	7 / 48

## Health

Late/no prenatal care	NR / 49
Low birthweight infants	NR / 49
Infant mortality	NR / 37
Teen births	NR / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	18 / 58

## Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	1 / 57
Average class size	2 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	11 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	2 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	21 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	3 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	a / 56

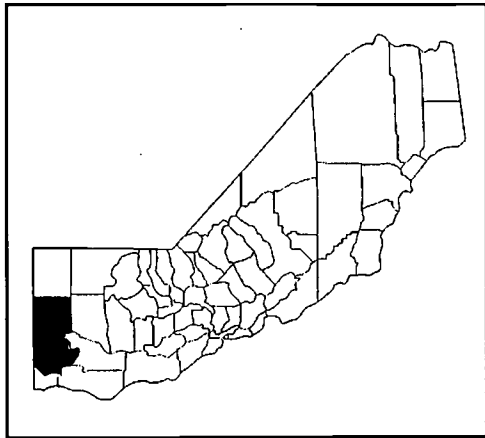
## Safety

Foster care rate (0-17)	51 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	NR / 48
Child abuse	35 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	NR / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	NR / 44

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# he children of Siskiyou County



## County Highlights

Siskiyou County has one of the highest young child poverty rates among the counties and a higher rate of young children receiving TANF. Siskiyou has one of the better rates of infants born to mothers who have at least a high school education. The rate of expectant mothers receiving prenatal care improved each year from 1995 to 1997. Siskiyou has a higher than average rate of child abuse reports and children in foster care.

## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	44,505	10,491	2,954	100%
African-American	697	179	35	1%
Asian	405	134	44	1%
Latino	3,154	1,208	478	16%
Native American	1,989	555	128	4%
White	38,260	8,415	2,269	77%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		425		

## Family Economics

CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
Percent	25.8%	32.6%
<b>CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)</b>	Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-5
All	21.1%	23.8%
African-American	38.5%	65.7%
Asian	127.6%	54.5%
Latino	12.3%	12.6%
Native American	19.3%	23.4%
White	20.4%	25.0%
<b>CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)</b>		
Number of participants		973
Percent of all eligible		62.4%
<b>FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)</b>		
Two bedroom		\$474
As percent of minimum wage		49.5%

## BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)

	Number	Percent
All	86	20.2%
African-American	NS	NS
Asian	NS	NS
Latino	9	15.3%
Native American	13	65.0%
White	59	17.7%

## CHILD CARE

Cost/month—infant	1996	1997	1998
Cost/month—preschool	\$381	NA	NA
Child care centers:	\$282	NA	\$326
% spaces for infants	2%	NA	2%

## CHILD SUPPORT

Percent cases with orders	1996	1997	1998
Money collected mo./case with order	76%	77%	80%
	\$73	\$85	\$97

## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE			
	1995	1996	1997
All	7.5%	5.8%	3.8%
African-American	NS	0.0%	NS
Asian	0.0%	0.0%	NS
Latino	8.8%	7.8%	3.4%
Native American	25.0%	8.7%	20.0%
White	6.7%	5.4%	2.7%
PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS			
	1995	1996	1997
All	7.5%	5.6%	5.6%
African-American	NS	14.3%	NS
Asian	0.0%	12.5%	NS
Latino	6.6%	4.4%	3.4%
Native American	16.7%	4.3%	0.0%
White	7.5%	5.7%	6.3%
INFANT MORTALITY RATES (per 1,000)			
	1995	1996	1997
All	10.2	5.6	7.1
African-American	NS	0.0	NS
Asian	0.0	0.0	NS
Latino	11.0	0.0	0.0
Native American	0.0	43.5	0.0
White	10.8	5.0	9.0
TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)			
	1995	1996	1997
All	47.6	43.2	46.5
African-American	57.1	0.0	31.3
Asian	50.0	136.4	47.6
Latino	93.8	100.6	81.4
Native American	10.6	31.6	76.9
White	44.4	36.5	40.6
MOTHERS WHO INITIATE EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING			
			1997
Percent			73%

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## Education

CLASSROOMS	1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start	NA	34.2%	NA
Average class size	23.1	20.8	20.7
Per pupil expenditure	\$4,778	\$5,020	\$5,720
<b>STUDENT PROFICIENCY</b>	1997	1998	1999
Students with limited English Proficiency	2%	2%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.		48%	56%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.		41%	52%
<b>PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)</b>			
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)			37.5
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)			5.2

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES (1997—per 1,000)	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
All	15.5	15.0
African-American	16.1	29.4
Asian	7.5	0.0
Latino	10.9	7.3
Native American	37.5	88.0
White	14.8	12.4
<b>CHILD ABUSE (1996)</b>		
Number of reports		969
Rate (per 1,000)		89.5
<b>GUN INJURIES &amp; DEATHS (1997)</b>	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	3	0
Deaths	0	0
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES &amp; DEATHS (1998)</b>	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	90	9
Deaths	3	0

Siskiyou County  
Rankings

## Family Economics

Children living in poverty (0-17)	41 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	51 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	46 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	45 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	30 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	1 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	15 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	NA / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	12 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	41 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	12 / 48
Child support: \$ collected	23 / 48

## Health

Late/no prenatal care	38 / 49
Low birthweight infants	38 / 49
Infant mortality	NR / 37
Teen births	16 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	11 / 58

## Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	55 / 57
Average class size	7 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	9 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	22 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	31 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	9 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	7 / 56

## Safety

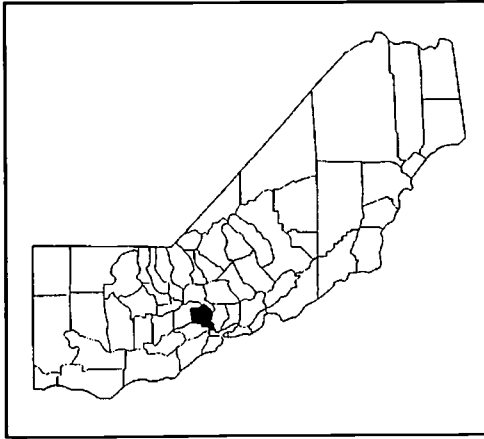
Foster care rate (0-17)	55 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	46 / 48
Child abuse	37 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	36 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	25 / 44

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# Solano County



## County Highlights

Solano County has a lower than average percentage of young children in poverty and young children receiving TANF. While the county has improved its rate of expectant mothers receiving prenatal care, it has one of the higher rates of expectant mothers not receiving such care. The county has among the lowest rates of child abuse reports and children in foster care. Solano has fewer library hours available to young children compared to the state average.

## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	384,847	111,755	35,730	100%
African-American	53,112	16,534	5,392	15%
Asian	54,231	16,767	5,518	15%
Latino	57,510	20,146	7,096	20%
Native American	2,640	649	201	1%
White	217,354	57,659	17,523	49%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		5,475		

## Family Economics

CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
Percent	13.5%	16.4%
<b>CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)</b>	Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-5
All	12.2%	15.2%
African-American	37.7%	46.1%
Asian	6.8%	7.2%
Latino	10.0%	12.4%
Native American	9.9%	10.9%
White	7.2%	9.4%
<b>CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)</b>		
Number of participants	7,003	
Percent of all eligible	55.1%	
<b>FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)</b>		
Two bedroom	\$711	
As percent of minimum wage	74.2%	

## BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)

	Number	Percent
All	944	17.2%
African-American	135	15.8%
Asian	57	7.1%
Latino	520	40.8%
Native American	7	22.6%
White	223	9.0%

## CHILD CARE

Cost/month—infant	1996	1997	1998
Cost/month—preschool	\$667	NA	NA
Child care centers:	\$455	NA	\$417
% spaces for infants	5%	NA	4%

## CHILD SUPPORT

Percent cases with orders	1996	1997	1998
Money collected mo./case with order	56%	64%	69%
	\$78	\$86	\$93



## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE	1995	1996	1997
All	8.6%	7.0%	5.9%
African-American	11.7%	9.7%	8.8%
Asian	8.7%	5.5%	5.6%
Latino	10.2%	8.3%	7.1%
Native American	10.5%	13.5%	16.1%
White	7.0%	5.9%	4.3%

PERCENT LOW  
BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS

	1995	1996	1997
All	6.3%	6.3%	6.4%
African-American	10.3%	8.9%	9.4%
Asian	7.7%	7.6%	8.7%
Latino	5.3%	5.9%	4.9%
Native American	5.3%	5.4%	3.2%
White	5.2%	5.2%	5.3%

INFANT MORTALITY  
RATES (per 1,000)

	1995	1996	1997
All	5.1	7.1	6.4
African-American	9.7	17.1	8.2
Asian	5.9	2.3	3.7
Latino	6.0	2.5	5.5
Native American	0.0	0.0	0.0
White	3.2	7.6	7.3

## TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)

	1995	1996	1997
All	53.7	52.4	47.3
African-American	75.0	76.2	73.6
Asian	36.2	37.8	28.6
Latino	80.9	84.9	100.2
Native American	52.6	29.1	72.7
White	43.9	39.9	28.2

MOTHERS WHO INITIATE  
EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING

Percent	1997
	60%

## Education

CLASSROOMS	1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start	NA	47.2%	NA
Average class size	28.9	26.8	26.8
Per pupil expenditure	\$4,098	\$4,379	\$4,671

## STUDENT PROFICIENCY

	1997	1998	1999
Students with limited English Proficiency	9%	9%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.		48%	53%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.		44%	53%

## PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)

	1997	1998	1999
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)			3.4
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)			1.2

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES  
(1997—per 1,000)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
All	4.5	3.0
African-American	14.6	10.0
Asian	0.8	0.6
Latino	1.7	1.0
Native American	6.1	5.2
White	3.7	2.5

## CHILD ABUSE (1996)

	1997	1998	1999
Number of reports			5,676
Rate (per 1,000)			51.6

## GUN INJURIES &amp; DEATHS (1997)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	6	0
Deaths	4	0

MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES  
& DEATHS (1998)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	616	65
Deaths	4	2

Solano County  
Rankings

## Family Economics

Children living in poverty (0-17)	12 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	11 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	22 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	23 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	48 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	42 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	10 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	NA / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	33 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	27 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	30 / 48
Child support: \$ collected	22 / 48

## Health

Late/no prenatal care	45 / 49
Low birthweight infants	40 / 49
Infant mortality	22 / 37
Teen births	22 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	30 / 58

## Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	29 / 57
Average class size	46 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	49 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	31 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	29 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	53 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	33 / 56

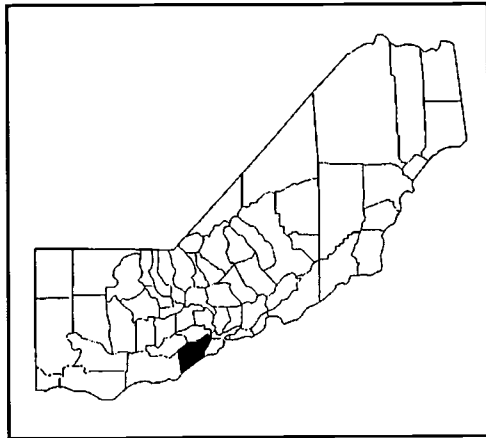
## Safety

Foster care rate (0-17)	11 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	7 / 48
Child abuse	4 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	18 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	17 / 44

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# Sonoma County



## County Highlights

Sonoma County has a lower than average percentage of young children in poverty and young children receiving TANF. The county has one of the best rates of expectant mothers receiving prenatal care and one of the lowest infant mortality rates. Among children eligible for the nutrition program WIC, Sonoma children are less likely to receive such benefits compared to children statewide. Sonoma has a lower rate of child abuse reports than the state average and one of the lowest foster care rates.

## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	441,349	109,899	34,379	100%
African-American	6,675	2,230	652	2%
Asian	14,675	4,435	1,439	4%
Latino	57,030	21,942	9,020	26%
Native American	4,087	1,154	400	1%
White	358,882	80,138	22,868	67%

**TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)**

5,409

## Family Economics

CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
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Percent 13.3% 16.0%

CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)	Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-5
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All 6.4% 7.7%  
 African-American 25.3% 31.0%  
 Asian 15.3% 9.0%  
 Latino 6.9% 7.9%  
 Native American 24.1% 20.5%  
 White 5.0% 6.7%

**CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)**

Number of participants 6,199  
 Percent of all eligible 60.1%

**FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)**

Two bedroom \$782  
 As percent of minimum wage 81.6%

## BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)

	Number	Percent
All	1,376	25.4%
African-American	22	24.7%
Asian	32	14.1%
Latino	961	62.9%
Native American	22	36.7%
White	335	9.6%

## CHILD CARE

Cost/month—infant	1996	1997	1998
Cost/month—preschool	\$594	NA	\$593
Child care centers:	\$459	NA	\$476
% spaces for infants	2%	NA	2%

## CHILD SUPPORT

Percent cases with orders	1996	1997	1998
Money collected mo./case with order	75%	81%	83%
	\$85	\$101	\$106

## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE		1995	1996	1997
All		2.5%	1.9%	2.0%
African-American		3.5%	2.4%	3.4%
Asian		3.0%	1.8%	1.8%
Latino		3.4%	3.2%	2.7%
Native American		9.5%	4.2%	5.0%
White		1.9%	1.3%	1.6%
PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS		1995	1996	1997
All		5.5%	5.4%	4.9%
African-American		11.6%	11.8%	11.2%
Asian		7.4%	7.4%	6.6%
Latino		5.2%	4.3%	4.0%
Native American		5.4%	6.9%	8.3%
White		5.5%	5.6%	5.0%
INFANT MORTALITY RATES (per 1,000)		1995	1996	1997
All		4.4	4.2	4.1
African-American		0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian		5.0	0.0	4.4
Latino		7.0	5.8	2.0
Native American		0.0	13.9	0.0
White		3.6	3.7	5.2
TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)		1995	1996	1997
All		41.9	37.5	37.7
African-American		70.0	52.2	43.8
Asian		40.2	21.7	28.7
Latino		128.5	120.0	113.1
Native American		120.3	127.4	105.3
White		23.7	20.7	22.4
MOTHERS WHO INITIATE EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING		1997		
Percent		73%		

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## Education

CLASSROOMS		1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start		NA	49.2%	NA
Average class size		27.5	26.3	26.2
Per pupil expenditure		\$4,161	\$4,621	\$4,991
STUDENT PROFICIENCY		1997	1998	1999
Students with limited English Proficiency		12%	12%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.			60%	65%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.			56%	62%
PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)				
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)				8.1
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)				1.3

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES (1997—per 1,000)		Ages 0-17		Ages 0-5	
All		3.9		3.7	
African-American		21.2		23.9	
Asian		0.9		0.7	
Latino		3.3		0.9	
Native American		19.9		12.7	
White		3.5		4.2	
CHILD ABUSE (1996)					
Number of reports				7,184	
Rate (per 1,000)				67.1	
GUN INJURIES & DEATHS (1997)		Ages 0-17		Ages 0-5	
Injuries		5		0	
Deaths		5		0	
MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES & DEATHS (1998)		Ages 0-17		Ages 0-5	
Injuries		759		92	
Deaths		6		2	

Sonoma County  
Rankings

## Family Economics

Children living in poverty (0-17)	10 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	9 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	9 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	9 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	37 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	49 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	23 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	23 / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	44 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	37 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	7 / 48
Child support: \$ collected	16 / 48

## Health

Late/no prenatal care	4 / 49
Low birthweight infants	17 / 49
Infant mortality	3 / 37
Teen births	13 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	11 / 58

## Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	24 / 57
Average class size	30 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	31 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	7 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	14 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	28 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	30 / 56

## Safety

Foster care rate (0-17)	5 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	9 / 48
Child abuse	17 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	35 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	21 / 44

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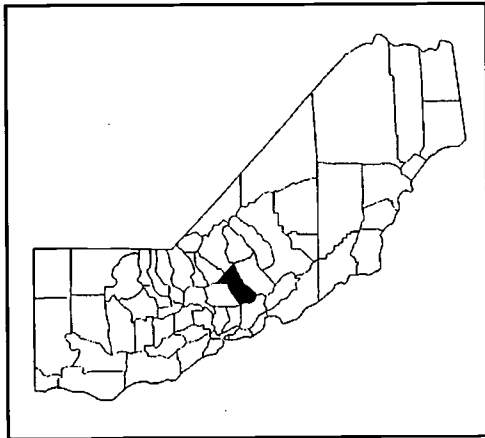
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# Stanislaus County



## County Highlights

Stanislaus County has a higher percentage of poor and very poor children compared to the state average. From 1995 to 1997, the county's percentage of infants born at low birthweight increased each year as did the county's infant mortality rate. During that time period, the rate of births to teens declined. The county has a slightly higher rate of child abuse reports than the state average and a substantially lower rate of children in foster care.

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## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	434,835	134,660	44,765	100%
African-American	8,267	2,935	1,009	2%
Asian	26,931	10,693	2,982	7%
Latino	108,454	45,128	17,687	40%
Native American	4,152	1,129	447	1%
White	287,031	74,775	22,640	51%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		6,790		

## Family Economics

CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
Percent	24.6%	27.9%
<b>CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)</b>	Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-5
All	18.4%	20.7%
African-American	52.4%	61.1%
Asian	32.8%	23.3%
Latino	19.0%	20.8%
Native American	11.9%	13.6%
White	14.7%	18.7%
<b>CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)</b>		
Number of participants	11,802	
Percent of all eligible	61.8%	
<b>FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)</b>		
Two bedroom		\$562
As percent of minimum wage		58.6%

## BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)

	Number	Percent
All	2,280	33.6%
African-American	39	24.7%
Asian	134	35.6%
Latino	1,559	52.6%
Native American	27	38.0%
White	521	16.3%
<b>CHILD CARE</b>	1996	1997 1998
Cost/month—infant	\$520	NA \$481
Cost/month—preschool	\$390	NA \$382
Child care centers:	7%	NA 7%
% spaces for infants		

## CHILD SUPPORT

Percent cases with orders	1996	1997	1998
Money collected mo./case with order	70%	75%	77%
	\$87	\$91	\$92

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## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE	1995	1996	1997
All	4.1%	3.1%	3.4%
African-American	3.6%	4.7%	3.8%
Asian	4.3%	3.1%	2.7%
Latino	4.7%	3.6%	4.5%
Native American	9.6%	2.9%	1.4%
White	3.5%	2.5%	2.6%

PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS	1995	1996	1997
All	5.9%	6.1%	6.6%
African-American	9.5%	14.5%	16.5%
Asian	7.5%	10.4%	9.8%
Latino	5.5%	5.2%	6.2%
Native American	8.4%	4.3%	2.8%
White	5.7%	5.9%	6.2%

INFANT MORTALITY RATES (per 1,000)	1995	1996	1997
All	5.9	6.8	7.1
African-American	6.0	34.9	19.0
Asian	4.6	7.3	8.0
Latino	5.1	4.4	8.1
Native American	0.0	0.0	0.0
White	6.9	7.7	5.6

TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)	1995	1996	1997
All	69.8	67.2	62.1
African-American	83.6	105.1	82.4
Asian	48.5	44.1	37.4
Latino	124.1	121.0	111.7
Native American	134.3	96.6	125.0
White	44.5	42.1	39.9

MOTHERS WHO INITIATE EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING	1997
Percent	45%

## Education

CLASSROOMS	1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start	NA	43.8%	NA
Average class size	29.4	28.3	28.0
Per pupil expenditure	\$3,955	\$4,246	\$4,627

STUDENT PROFICIENCY	1997	1998	1999
Students with limited English Proficiency	18%	18%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.		43%	47%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.		43%	52%

PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)	
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)	5.5
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)	1.5

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES (1997—per 1,000)	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
All	5.0	4.4
African-American	23.4	19.6
Asian	0.8	0.7
Latino	4.1	3.1
Native American	0.9	0.0
White	5.4	5.3

CHILD ABUSE (1996)	
Number of reports	11,743
Rate (per 1,000)	89.6

GUN INJURIES & DEATHS (1997)	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	15	2
Deaths	3	0

MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES & DEATHS (1998)	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	979	135
Deaths	6	0

Stanislaus County  
Rankings

Family Economics	
Children living in poverty (0-17)	38 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	41 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	38 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	37 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	32 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	26 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	39 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	15 / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	24 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	6 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	16 / 48
Child support: \$ collected	20 / 48

Health	
Late/no prenatal care	20 / 49
Low birthweight infants	37 / 49
Infant mortality	24 / 37
Teen births	39 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	39 / 58

Education	
Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	37 / 57
Average class size	55 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	56 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	39 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	31 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	39 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	27 / 56

Safety	
Foster care rate (0-17)	19 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	15 / 48
Child abuse	21 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	33 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	37 / 44

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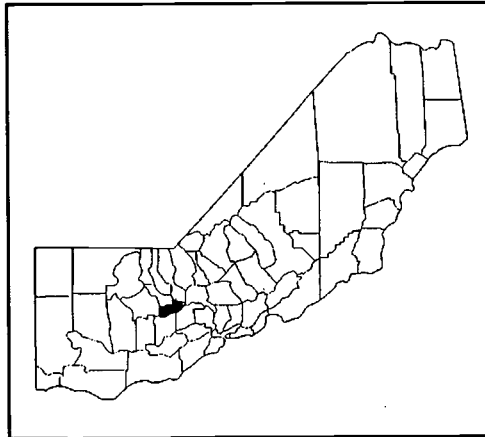
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# Sutter County



## County Highlights

Sutter County is a lower cost county for families, with low child care and rental prices. The county has one of the fewest child care spaces designated for infants among the counties.

Sutter's average class size is slightly smaller than the state average; its third grade test scores are below the state average. Sutter has significantly more library hours available and pre-school programs per child than the state average.

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## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	78,003	22,208	7,442	100%
African-American	1,355	386	124	2%
Asian	8,256	2,739	1,032	14%
Latino	14,385	5,671	2,073	28%
Native American	905	205	68	1%
White	53,102	13,207	4,145	56%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		1,210		

## Family Economics

CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
Percent	22.7%	26.6%
<b>CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)</b>	Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-5
All	13.6%	15.6%
African-American	29.8%	38.7%
Asian	7.5%	4.1%
Latino	14.4%	17.6%
Native American	19.0%	16.2%
White	13.9%	16.8%
<b>CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)</b>		
Number of participants	2,193	
Percent of all eligible	67.3%	
<b>FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)</b>		
Two bedroom		\$479
As percent of minimum wage		50.0%

## BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)

	Number	Percent
All	388	32.1%
African-American	9	31.0%
Asian	35	20.8%
Latino	227	62.2%
Native American	7	46.7%
White	109	17.3%

## CHILD CARE

Cost/month—infant	1996	1997	1998
Cost/month—preschool	\$490	NA	\$439
Child care centers:	\$368	NA	\$331
% spaces for infants	2%	NA	2%

## CHILD SUPPORT

Percent cases with orders	1996	1997	1998
Money collected mo./case with order	62%	68%	68%
	\$72	\$78	\$77

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## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE	1995	1996	1997
All	7.3%	6.0%	6.9%
African-American	5.6%	6.7%	6.9%
Asian	8.5%	4.5%	4.2%
Latino	9.6%	9.2%	9.6%
Native American	26.7%	7.1%	20.0%
White	5.4%	4.8%	5.7%
<b>PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>
All	4.5%	6.6%	6.0%
African-American	0.0%	20.0%	3.4%
Asian	9.1%	5.1%	11.3%
Latino	3.9%	3.7%	4.9%
Native American	6.7%	7.1%	13.3%
White	3.7%	8.1%	5.2%
<b>INFANT MORTALITY RATES (per 1,000)</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>
All	6.0	7.9	6.6
African-American	0.0	0.0	34.5
Asian	0.0	0.0	17.9
Latino	11.9	9.2	0.0
Native American	0.0	0.0	0.0
White	4.8	9.5	6.3
<b>TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>
All	69.5	53.4	53.6
African-American	80.0	60.0	78.4
Asian	27.5	6.8	9.8
Latino	118.6	90.8	93.1
Native American	27.8	88.2	90.9
White	61.1	48.0	46.3
<b>MOTHERS WHO INITIATE EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING</b>			<b>1997</b>
Percent			39%

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## Education

CLASSROOMS	1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start	NA	39.2%	NA
Average class size	27.0	25.9	25.4
Per pupil expenditure	\$4,057	\$4,345	\$4,578
<b>STUDENT PROFICIENCY</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>
Students with limited English Proficiency	20%	18%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.		41%	45%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.		34%	48%
<b>PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)</b>			
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)			7.3
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)			4.5

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES (1997—per 1,000)	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
All	9.3	10.3
African-American	13.8	25.2
Asian	2.7	0.0
Latino	6.0	5.8
Native American	29.3	32.8
White	11.7	14.0
<b>CHILD ABUSE (1996)</b>		
Number of reports		2,121
Rate (per 1,000)		98.5
<b>GUN INJURIES &amp; DEATHS (1997)</b>	<b>Ages 0-17</b>	<b>Ages 0-5</b>
Injuries	0	0
Deaths	0	0
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES &amp; DEATHS (1998)</b>	<b>Ages 0-17</b>	<b>Ages 0-5</b>
Injuries	126	16
Deaths	1	0

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## Family Economics

Children living in poverty (0-17)	32 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	34 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	24 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	24 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	20 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	8 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	32 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	7 / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	14 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	42 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	24 / 48
Child support: \$ collected	34 / 48

## Health

Late/no prenatal care	42 / 49
Low birthweight infants	25 / 49
Infant mortality	25 / 37
Teen births	31 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	42 / 58

## Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	50 / 57
Average class size	22 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	55 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	46 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	42 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	31 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	8 / 56

## Safety

Foster care rate (0-17)	34 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	31 / 48
Child abuse	33 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	30 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	20 / 44

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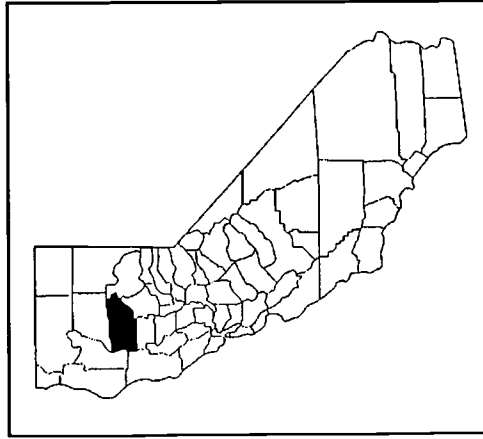
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## County Highlights

Tehama County has a substantially higher percentage of poor and very poor young children compared to the state average. The county improved from 1995 to 1997 in the percentage of expectant mothers receiving prenatal care and in the percentage of low birthweight infants. Teen births also declined in this period. Tehama has a higher rate of child abuse reports and children in foster care compared to the state average.

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## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	55,118	14,246	4,468	100%
African-American	311	75	23	1%
Asian	371	100	44	1%
Latino	7,192	3,179	1,278	29%
Native American	897	271	101	2%
White	46,347	10,621	3,022	68%

**TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)**

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## Family Economics

CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
Percent	27.7%	29.9%

CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)	Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-5
All	21.0%	25.0%
African-American	80.0%	60.9%
Asian	29.0%	22.7%
Latino	14.3%	15.9%
Native American	17.7%	19.8%
White	22.6%	28.9%

CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)	Number	Percent
Number of participants	1,623	
Percent of all eligible	68.6%	

FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)	Amount	Percent
Two bedroom	\$474	
As percent of minimum wage	49.5%	

## BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)

	Number	Percent
All	223	35.6%
African-American	NS	NS
Asian	NS	NS
Latino	127	69.0%
Native American	6	60.0%
White	87	20.7%

## CHILD CARE

Cost/month—infant	1996	1997	1998
Cost/month—preschool	\$390	NA	NA
Child care centers:	\$286	NA	\$340
% spaces for infants	1%	NA	1%

## CHILD SUPPORT

Percent cases with orders	1996	1997	1998
Money collected mo./case with order	63%	72%	75%
	\$72	\$66	\$78

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LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE		1995	1996	1997
All		5.4%	5.1%	4.8%
African-American		NS	NS	NS
Asian		9.1%	11.1%	NS
Latino		7.5%	6.7%	9.8%
Native American		0.0%	6.7%	10.0%
White		4.5%	4.0%	2.6%
PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS		1995	1996	1997
All		6.7%	5.1%	4.5%
African-American		NS	NS	NS
Asian		18.2%	0.0%	NS
Latino		4.8%	6.7%	4.3%
Native American		0.0%	0.0%	10.0%
White		7.4%	4.7%	4.5%
INFANT MORTALITY RATES (per 1,000)		1995	1996	1997
All		6.9	3.0	6.4
African-American		NS	NS	NS
Asian		0.0	0.0	NS
Latino		0.0	0.0	0.0
Native American		0.0	0.0	0.0
White		9.7	2.2	9.5
TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)		1995	1996	1997
All		67.6	57.7	53.5
African-American		166.7	100.0	333.3
Asian		95.2	87.0	0.0
Latino		151.8	101.6	101.8
Native American		166.7	100.0	129.0
White		48.5	47.1	40.5
MOTHERS WHO INITIATE EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING		1997		
Percent		54%		

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## Education

CLASSROOMS	1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start	NA	56.5%	NA
Average class size	26.0	24.9	24.1
Per pupil expenditure	\$4,234	\$4,648	\$5,044
STUDENT PROFICIENCY	1997	1998	1999
Students with limited English Proficiency	9%	8%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.		43%	48%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.		38%	48%
PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)			
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)			6.6
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)			NA

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES (1997—per 1,000)	Ages 0-17		Ages 0-5	
All	14.1		12.1	
African-American	54.1		150.0	
Asian	20.6		0.0	
Latino	10.5		9.7	
Native American	63.0		66.0	
White	13.6		10.5	
CHILD ABUSE (1996)				
Number of reports			2,041	
Rate (per 1,000)			141.7	
GUN INJURIES & DEATHS (1997)	Ages 0-17		Ages 0-5	
Injuries	0		0	
Deaths	0		0	
MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES & DEATHS (1998)	Ages 0-17		Ages 0-5	
Injuries	136		17	
Deaths	5		1	

## Tehama County Rankings

Family Economics	
Children living in poverty (0-17)	48 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	47 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	42 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	43 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	17 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	1 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	42 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	NA / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	17 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	44 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	19 / 48
Child support: \$ collected	40 / 48
Health	
Late/no prenatal care	28 / 49
Low birthweight infants	21 / 49
Infant mortality	NR / 37
Teen births	36 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	35 / 58
Education	
Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	16 / 57
Average class size	18 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	26 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	37 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	42 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	33 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	NA / 56
Safety	
Foster care rate (0-17)	49 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	32 / 48
Child abuse	49 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	50 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	43 / 44

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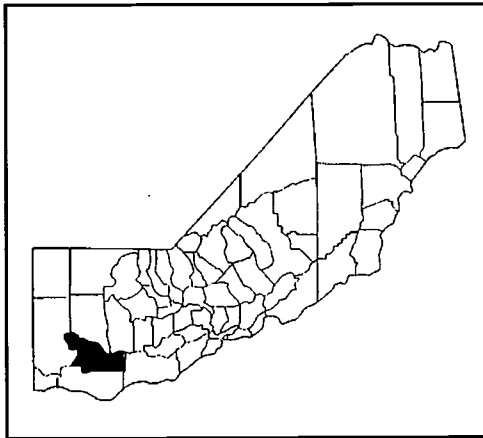
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# Trinity County



## County Highlights

Trinity County has a higher percentage of children receiving TANF than the state average, yet infants are somewhat more likely to be born to mothers with at least a high school education. Trinity's average class size is among the state's smallest and per pupil expenditures are among the highest. Third graders' math and reading scores are slightly above state average. The county's young child foster care rate is substantially below the state average.

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## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	13,240	3,013	798	100%
African-American	59	11	5	1%
Asian	110	42	10	1%
Latino	489	122	24	3%
Native American	662	190	51	6%
White	11,920	2,648	708	89%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		100		

## Family Economics

CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
Percent	25.6%	24.8%
<b>CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)</b>	Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-5
All	19.3%	23.1%
African-American	0.0%	NS
Asian	7.1%	0.0%
Latino	9.8%	8.3%
Native American	12.6%	17.6%
White	20.5%	24.4%
<b>CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)</b>		
Number of participants	297	
Percent of all eligible	66.9%	
<b>FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)</b>		
Two bedroom	\$474	
As percent of minimum wage	49.5%	

## BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)

	Number	Percent
All	25	25.0%
African-American	NS	NS
Asian	NS	NS
Latino	NS	NS
Native American	NS	NS
White	23	26.1%

## CHILD CARE

Cost/month — infant	NA	NA	NA
Cost/month — preschool	\$390	NA	NA
Child care centers:	NA	NA	0%
% spaces for infants			

## CHILD SUPPORT

Percent cases with orders	1996	1997	1998
Money collected mo./case with order	54%	NR	NR
	\$66	NR	NR

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## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE	1995	1996	1997
All	3.3%	1.4%	3.0%
African-American	NS	NS	NS
Asian	NS	NS	NS
Latino	NS	NS	NS
Native American	NS	0.0%	NS
White	3.5%	1.6%	2.3%
<b>PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS</b>			
All	8.1%	4.8%	5.0%
African-American	NS	NS	NS
Asian	NS	NS	NS
Latino	NS	NS	NS
Native American	NS	0.0%	NS
White	7.1%	4.7%	5.7%
<b>INFANT MORTALITY RATES (per 1,000)</b>			
All	1995	1996	1997
African-American	8.1	6.9	0.0
Asian	NS	NS	NS
Latino	NS	NS	NS
Native American	NS	0.0	NS
White	8.8	7.8	0.0
<b>TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)</b>			
All	1995	1996	1997
African-American	34.1	37.3	42.0
Asian	NS	NS	NS
Latino	111.1	0.0	0.0
Native American	0.0	0.0	62.5
White	83.3	71.4	69.0
MOTHERS WHO INITIATE EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING	1997		
Percent			83%

## Education

CLASSROOMS	1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start	NA	57.1%	NA
Average class size	22.7	22.4	21.3
Per pupil expenditure	\$5,636	\$6,113	\$6,667
<b>STUDENT PROFICIENCY</b>			
Students with limited English Proficiency	1997	1998	1999
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.	0%	0%	NA
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.		48%	57%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.		49%	57%
<b>PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)</b>			
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)			47.2
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)			0.0
<b>Safety</b>			
<b>FOSTER CARE RATES (1997—per 1,000)</b>			
	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5	
All	11.2	4.9	
African-American	83.3	NS	
Asian	0.0	0.0	
Latino	24.0	37.0	
Native American	0.0	0.0	
White	11.3	4.1	
<b>CHILD ABUSE (1996)</b>			
Number of reports			653
Rate (per 1,000)			204.3
<b>GUN INJURIES &amp; DEATHS (1997)</b>			
	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5	
Injuries	2	0	
Deaths	0	0	
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES &amp; DEATHS (1998)</b>			
	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5	
Injuries	32	1	
Deaths	2	0	

Trinity County  
Rankings

## Family Economics

Children living in poverty (0-17)	40 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	30 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	40 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	41 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	21 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	1 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	21 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	11 / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	7 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	47 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	NR / 48
Child support: \$ collected	NR / 48

## Health

Late/no prenatal care	NR / 49
Low birthweight infants	NR / 49
Infant mortality	NR / 37
Teen births	11 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	3 / 58

## Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	13 / 57
Average class size	8 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	2 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	20 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	22 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	6 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	51 / 56

## Safety

Foster care rate (0-17)	44 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	NR / 48
Child abuse	57 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	NR / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	NR / 44

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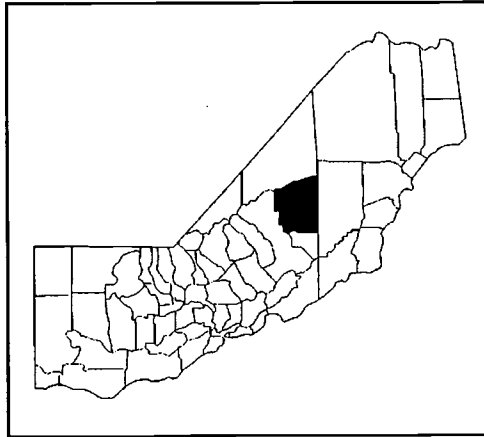
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# Tulare County



## County Highlights

Tulare County has the highest poverty rate for children ages birth to 17 among the counties and the second highest poverty rate for children ages birth to five. The county made improvements from 1995 to 1997 in the percentage of expectant mothers who receive prenatal care and in the percentage of low birthweight infants. The teen birth rate also declined, although it remains among the state's highest rates.

## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	364,335	121,387	43,746	100%
African-American	5,079	1,829	626	1%
Asian	17,739	6,178	1,847	4%
Latino	159,059	67,924	27,314	62%
Native American	3,400	835	199	<1%
White	179,058	44,621	13,760	31%

**TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)**

6,934

## Family Economics

**CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)**

Percent	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
37.3%	44.7%	

**CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)**

All	Percent Ages 0-5
African-American	28.1%
Asian	68.2%
Latino	36.9%
Native American	30.5%
White	21.6%
	20.3%

**CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)**

Number of participants	15,216
Percent of all eligible	62.1%

**FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)**

Two bedroom	\$497
As percent of minimum wage	51.9%

**BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)**

All	Number	Percent
African-American	3,218	46.4%
Asian	22	24.7%
Latino	92	45.1%
Native American	2,751	60.1%
White	17	35.4%
	335	16.7%

**CHILD CARE**

Cost/month—infant	1996	1997	1998
Cost/month—preschool	\$377	NA	\$458
Child care centers:	\$295	NA	\$312
% spaces for infants	1%	NA	1%

**CHILD SUPPORT**

Percent cases with orders	1996	1997	1998
Money collected mo./case with order	56%	62%	70%
	\$75	\$74	\$71



## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE		1995	1996	1997
All		5.6%	5.5%	5.2%
African-American		7.4%	4.3%	3.4%
Asian		4.2%	4.6%	3.9%
Latino		6.3%	6.3%	5.7%
Native American		11.8%	6.3%	14.6%
White		4.2%	3.9%	4.2%
PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS		1995	1996	1997
All		5.6%	5.7%	5.2%
African-American		11.1%	11.8%	9.0%
Asian		4.6%	9.5%	3.9%
Latino		5.8%	5.5%	5.2%
Native American		2.9%	6.3%	6.3%
White		4.9%	5.2%	5.2%
INFANT MORTALITY RATES (per 1,000)		1995	1996	1997
All		5.7	6.1	6.1
African-American		9.3	0.0	33.7
Asian		3.5	7.1	0.0
Latino		6.6	6.3	6.6
Native American		0.0	0.0	0.0
White		4.1	6.1	4.5
TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)		1995	1996	1997
All		96.4	93.9	85.4
African-American		96.6	100.0	72.4
Asian		59.1	71.1	41.9
Latino		142.7	136.2	130.4
Native American		49.4	79.3	63.3
White		50.9	49.6	41.1
MOTHERS WHO INITIATE EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING		1997		
Percent		27%		

## Education

CLASSROOMS		1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start		NA	44.5%	NA
Average class size		28.6	26.7	26.6
Per pupil expenditure		\$4,036	\$4,307	\$4,702
STUDENT PROFICIENCY		1997	1998	1999
Students with limited English Proficiency		25%	26%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.			29%	36%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.			32%	41%
PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)				
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)				4.5
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)				0.8

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES (1997—per 1,000)		Ages 0-17		Ages 0-5	
All		10.0	8.4		
African-American		69.4	59.5		
Asian		2.6	2.7		
Latino		8.0	6.8		
Native American		17.4	26.5		
White		11.5	9.7		
CHILD ABUSE (1996)					
Number of reports				13,198	
Rate (per 1,000)				111.2	
GUN INJURIES & DEATHS (1997)		Ages 0-17		Ages 0-5	
Injuries		17	1		
Deaths		3	0		
MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES & DEATHS (1998)		Ages 0-17		Ages 0-5	
Injuries		714	126		
Deaths		18	9		

Tulare County  
Rankings

## Family Economics

Children living in poverty (0-17)	58 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	57 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	51 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	49 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	31 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	11 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	54 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	NA / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	18 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	43 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	32 / 48
Child support: \$ collected	39 / 48

## Health

Late/no prenatal care	31 / 49
Low birthweight infants	22 / 49
Infant mortality	20 / 37
Teen births	52 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	55 / 58

## Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	35 / 57
Average class size	39 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	53 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	57 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	55 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	46 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	39 / 56

## Safety

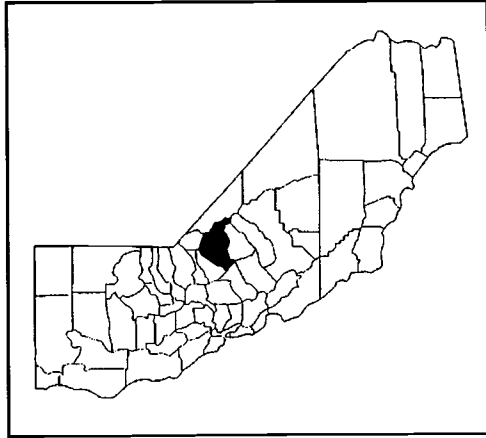
Foster care rate (0-17)	47 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	33 / 48
Child abuse	30 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	20 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	34 / 44

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# Tuolumne County



## County Highlights

Tuolumne County has one of the best records among the counties of expectant mothers receiving prenatal care. The county's teen birth rate is also among the lowest. While Tuolumne children who qualify for the nutrition program WIC are less likely than children statewide to receive benefits, the county has one of the best enrollment records of children eligible for Head Start.

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## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	53,231	10,801	2,986	100%
African-American	1,608	73	21	1%
Asian	401	100	33	1%
Latino	4,198	900	301	10%
Native American	811	166	43	1%
White	46,213	9,562	2,588	87%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		467		

## Family Economics

CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
Percent	17.6%	22.7%

### CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)

	Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-5
All	16.0%	20.9%
African-American	16.4%	9.5%
Asian	12.0%	9.1%
Latino	6.1%	8.0%
Native American	16.9%	14.0%
White	16.9%	22.7%

### CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)

Number of participants	662
Percent of all eligible	55.9%

### FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)

Two bedroom	\$606
As percent of minimum wage	63.2%

### BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)

	Number	Percent
All	83	17.8%
African-American	NS	NS
Asian	1	14.3%
Latino	15	28.3%
Native American	4	30.8%
White	60	15.5%

### CHILD CARE

Cost/month—infant	NA	NA	NA
Cost/month—preschool	\$334	NA	\$350
Child care centers:	NA	NA	0%
% spaces for infants			

### CHILD SUPPORT

Percent cases with orders	1996	1997	1998
Money collected mo./case with order	57%	65%	76%
	\$69	\$74	\$91

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE		1995	1996	1997
All		2.6%	2.2%	1.5%
African-American		NS	NS	NS
Asian		0.0%	NS	0.0%
Latino		1.9%	6.0%	1.9%
Native American		14.3%	11.1%	7.7%
White		2.6%	1.5%	1.3%
PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS		1995	1996	1997
All		4.7%	5.4%	5.8%
African-American		NS	NS	NS
Asian		0.0%	NS	0.0%
Latino		3.8%	6.0%	0.0%
Native American		14.3%	11.1%	7.7%
White		4.7%	5.3%	6.4%
INFANT MORTALITY RATES (per 1,000)		1995	1996	1997
All		2.0	13.0	8.6
African-American		NS	NS	NS
Asian		0.0	NS	0.0
Latino		0.0	0.0	0.0
Native American		0.0	0.0	0.0
White		2.3	15.0	10.3
TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)		1995	1996	1997
All		48.2	38.0	38.6
African-American		NS	NS	NS
Asian		0.0	41.7	47.6
Latino		95.9	28.0	55.6
Native American		32.3	37.0	148.1
White		44.6	39.1	33.0
MOTHERS WHO INITIATE EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING		1997		
Percent		63%		

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## Education

CLASSROOMS	1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start	NA	76.2%	NA
Average class size	25.7	24.5	24.1
Per pupil expenditure	\$4,256	\$4,739	\$5,225
STUDENT PROFICIENCY		1997	1998
Students with limited English Proficiency	1%	1%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.		55%	56%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.		45%	55%
PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)			
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)			14.9
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)			4.0

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES (1997—per 1,000)		Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
All		6.4	5.3
African-American		0.0	0.0
Asian		0.0	0.0
Latino		4.5	3.4
Native American		35.1	55.6
White		6.2	4.9
CHILD ABUSE (1996)			
Number of reports			1,450
Rate (per 1,000)			132.0
GUN INJURIES & DEATHS (1997)		Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries		1	0
Deaths		0	0
MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES & DEATHS (1998)		Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries		138	15
Deaths		1	1

## Tuolumne County Rankings

## Family Economics

Children living in poverty (0-17)	21 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	25 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	30 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	34 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	47 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	32 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	11 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	NA / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	18 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	47 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	25 / 48
Child support: \$ collected	32 / 48

## Health

Late/no prenatal care	3 / 49
Low birthweight infants	14 / 49
Infant mortality	NR / 37
Teen births	15 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	21 / 58

## Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	8 / 57
Average class size	16 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	17 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	22 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	26 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	13 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	11 / 56

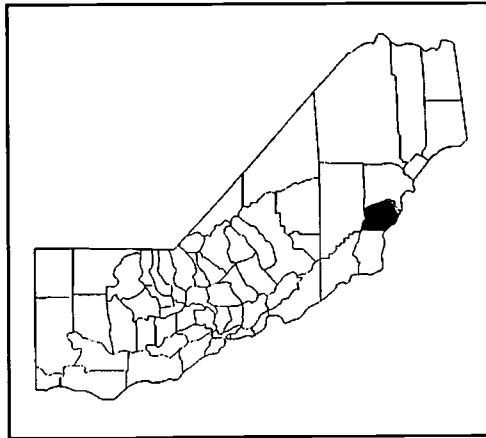
## Safety

Foster care rate (0-17)	22 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	17 / 48
Child abuse	42 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	52 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	NR / 44

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# ie children of Ventura County



## County Highlights

Ventura County has a child poverty rate below the state average and one of the lowest percentages among counties of children receiving TANF. Ventura's average class size is larger than the state average and its third grade test scores are above the state average. Ventura has a child abuse rate slightly below the state average and the lowest rate of children in foster care.

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## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	735,963	206,064	71,758	100%
African-American	16,408	4,496	1,335	2%
Asian	44,594	12,375	4,182	6%
Latino	220,820	83,277	33,196	46%
Native American	3,575	754	240	<1%
White	450,566	105,162	32,805	46%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		11,281		

## Family Economics

CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
Percent	13.8%	17.8%
<b>CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)</b>	Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-5
All	6.7%	8.0%
African-American	15.8%	20.8%
Asian	2.8%	2.9%
Latino	10.5%	11.1%
Native American	8.0%	7.5%
White	3.8%	5.0%
<b>CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)</b>		
Number of participants	13,715	
Percent of all eligible	53.7%	
<b>FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)</b>		
Two bedroom	\$781	
As percent of minimum wage	81.5%	

## BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)

	Number	Percent
All	3,075	27.3%
African-American	21	11.9%
Asian	34	5.7%
Latino	2,779	51.8%
Native American	9	22.0%
White	229	4.9%

## CHILD CARE

Cost/month—infant	1996	1997	1998
Cost/month—preschool	\$624	NA	\$598
Child care centers:	\$412	NA	\$415
% spaces for infants	4%	NA	4%

## CHILD SUPPORT

Percent cases with orders	1996	1997	1998
Money collected mo./case with order	60%	NA	NA
	\$82	NA	NA

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE		1995	1996	1997
All		2.5%	1.7%	1.8%
African-American		3.6%	0.9%	3.4%
Asian		1.3%	2.6%	1.0%
Latino		3.7%	2.4%	2.6%
Native American		5.4%	2.2%	0.0%
White		1.3%	0.9%	1.0%
PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS		1995	1996	1997
All		5.3%	5.2%	5.8%
African-American		10.3%	8.1%	11.3%
Asian		5.3%	3.9%	7.0%
Latino		5.1%	5.3%	5.7%
Native American		2.7%	6.5%	7.3%
White		5.3%	5.5%	5.7%
INFANT MORTALITY RATES (per 1,000)		1995	1996	1997
All		5.4	5.0	7.5
African-American		13.5	23.7	5.6
Asian		4.9	0.0	6.7
Latino		5.6	6.5	9.1
Native American		27.0	0.0	0.0
White		5.4	3.5	6.6
TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)		1995	1996	1997
All		52.6	48.0	44.7
African-American		34.6	69.7	38.9
Asian		13.1	17.9	10.9
Latino		106.0	97.6	93.3
Native American		41.7	21.9	55.1
White		18.9	17.7	16.0
MOTHERS WHO INITIATE EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING		1997		
Percent		43%		

## Education

CLASSROOMS	1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start	NA	45.2%	NA
Average class size	27.2	28.3	28.1
Per pupil expenditure	\$3,993	\$4,346	\$4,678
STUDENT PROFICIENCY		1997	1998
Students with limited English Proficiency	21%	21%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.		55%	62%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.		51%	63%
PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)			
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)			5.0
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)			0.8

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES (1997—per 1,000)			
	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5	
All	3.1	2.7	
African-American	15.3	11.6	
Asian	0.5	0.2	
Latino	3.1	2.9	
Native American	4.0	4.3	
White	2.8	2.5	
CHILD ABUSE (1996)			
Number of reports		12,941	
Rate (per 1,000)		64.6	
GUN INJURIES & DEATHS (1997)			
	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5	
Injuries	6	0	
Deaths	9	3	
MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES & DEATHS (1998)			
	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5	
Injuries	1,107	155	
Deaths	6	2	

## Ventura County Rankings

## Family Economics

Children living in poverty (0-17)	14 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	14 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	7 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	7 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	49 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	48 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	26 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	25 / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	32 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	28 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	NA / 48
Child support: \$ collected	NA / 48

## Health

Late/no prenatal care	1 / 49
Low birthweight infants	20 / 49
Infant mortality	19 / 37
Teen births	21 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	40 / 58

## Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	32 / 57
Average class size	50 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	54 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	15 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	13 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	44 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	43 / 56

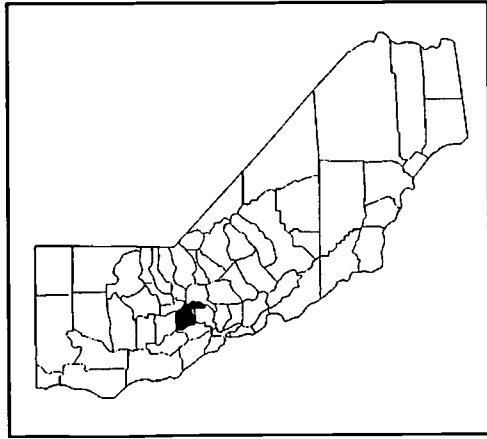
## Safety

Foster care rate (0-17)	1 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	3 / 48
Child abuse	16 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	17 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	14 / 44

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# the children of Yolo County



## County Highlights

Yolo County has one of the lowest rates of births to teens among the counties. Its rate of expectant mothers receiving prenatal care is among the lowest and its infant mortality rate is above the state average. Yolo children who qualify for the nutrition program WIC are among the most likely statewide to receive these benefits. Yolo has a higher than average percentage of child care spaces designated for infants.

## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	157,717	40,483	13,835	100%
African-American	3,478	891	276	2%
Asian	15,191	3,662	1,236	9%
Latino	34,894	12,995	4,964	36%
Native American	1,865	498	178	1%
White	102,289	22,437	7,181	52%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		2,106		

## Family Economics

### CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)

Percent	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
	20.4%	22.7%

### CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)

	Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-5
All	16.3%	17.4%
African-American	36.7%	45.7%
Asian	23.0%	20.0%
Latino	16.7%	18.6%
Native American	22.1%	19.1%
White	14.1%	15.0%

### CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)

Number of participants	5,291
Percent of all eligible	99.1%

### FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)

Two bedroom	\$652
As percent of minimum wage	68.0%

### BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)

	Number	Percent
All	574	27.3%
African-American	4	8.7%
Asian	40	24.4%
Latino	416	49.8%
Native American	6	26.1%
White	106	10.4%

### CHILD CARE

Cost/month—infant	1996	1997	1998
Cost/month—preschool	\$767	NA	\$625
Child care centers:	\$524	NA	\$442
% spaces for infants	6%	NA	9%

### CHILD SUPPORT

Percent cases with orders	1996	1997	1998
Money collected mo./case with order	65%	63%	61%
	\$77	\$82	\$92



## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE		1995	1996	1997
All		9.0%	6.3%	6.1%
African-American		18.2%	13.0%	13.0%
Asian		3.8%	4.1%	10.4%
Latino		12.6%	8.3%	7.4%
Native American		13.0%	18.2%	4.3%
White		6.8%	4.5%	3.9%
PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS		1995	1996	1997
All		5.1%	5.5%	5.9%
African-American		9.1%	10.9%	15.2%
Asian		8.8%	6.2%	3.7%
Latino		4.4%	5.1%	5.0%
Native American		13.0%	9.1%	0.0%
White		4.8%	5.4%	6.5%
INFANT MORTALITY RATES (per 1,000)		1995	1996	1997
All		5.0	9.7	6.2
African-American		0.0	43.5	43.5
Asian		0.0	10.3	6.1
Latino		7.4	8.6	4.8
Native American		0.0	0.0	43.5
White		4.4	9.3	4.9
TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)		1995	1996	1997
All		41.6	34.7	33.1
African-American		47.2	26.3	29.4
Asian		11.5	12.2	10.1
Latino		119.4	106.1	100.5
Native American		96.8	49.2	92.3
White		24.4	19.4	16.9
MOTHERS WHO INITIATE EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING		1997		
Percent		70%		

## Education

CLASSROOMS	1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start	NA	41.5%	NA
Average class size	28.0	26.8	26.3
Per pupil expenditure	\$4,089	\$4,474	\$4,773
STUDENT PROFICIENCY		1997	1998
Students with limited English Proficiency	21%	22%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.		54%	54%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.		47%	54%
PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)			
Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)			7.8
Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)			1.5

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES (1997—per 1,000)		Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
All		8.1	9.9
African-American		46.0	84.6
Asian		2.6	3.4
Latino		5.9	5.8
Native American		38.5	48.2
White		8.0	10.0
CHILD ABUSE (1996)			
Number of reports			3,656
Rate (per 1,000)			93.7
GUN INJURIES & DEATHS (1997)		Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries		0	0
Deaths		3	0
MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES & DEATHS (1998)		Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries		168	19
Deaths		2	0

Yolo County  
Rankings

Family Economics	
Children living in poverty (0-17)	28 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	27 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	32 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	26 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	4 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	38 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	27 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	28 / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	39 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	3 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	31 / 48
Child support: \$ collected	24 / 48

## Health

Late/no prenatal care	44 / 49
Low birthweight infants	24 / 49
Infant mortality	27 / 37
Teen births	7 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	15 / 58

## Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	43 / 57
Average class size	35 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	44 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	27 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	27 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	29 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	26 / 56

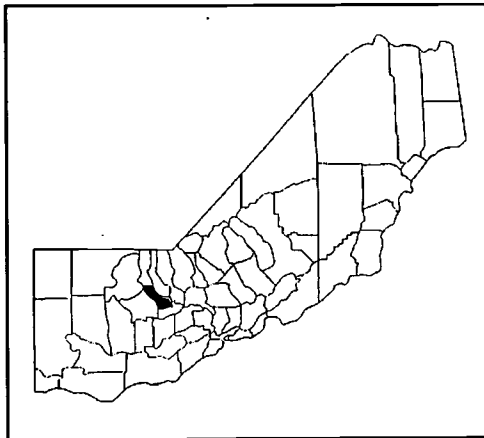
## Safety

Foster care rate (0-17)	29 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	30 / 48
Child abuse	34 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	3 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	3 / 44

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# Yuba County



## County Highlights

Yuba County has a substantially higher percentage of poor and very poor children compared to the state average. The county also has the highest percentage of children receiving TANF. Yuba is one of the lower cost counties for families, with relatively low rental and child care costs. Yuba has among the highest rates of child abuse reports and of children in foster care.

## Demographics

ETHNICITIES (1998)	Total population	Children pop. (0-17)	Young child pop. (0-5)	Young child eth. diversity
All	62,58	20,878	6,852	100%
African-American	2,385	865	238	3%
Asian	6,875	3,572	1,237	18%
Latino	8,276	3,291	1,182	17%
Native American	1,296	347	71	1%
White	43,326	12,803	4,124	60%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS (1997)</b>		1,046		

## Family Economics

### CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY (1995)

Percent	Children Ages 0-17	Children Ages 0-4
	34.0%	29.5%

### CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF (1998)

	Percent Ages 0-17	Percent Ages 0-5
All	30.1%	32.1%
African-American	20.8%	39.5%
Asian	63.1%	51.3%
Latino	19.8%	27.2%
Native American	13.0%	25.4%
White	24.6%	27.4%

### CHILDREN RECEIVING WIC ASSISTANCE (1997—Ages 0-4)

Number of participants	2,509
Percent of all eligible	57.6%

### FAIR MARKET RENT (1998)

Two bedroom	\$479
As percent of minimum wage	50.0%

### BABIES BORN TO MOTHERS WITH <12 YRS. OF EDUCATION (1997)

	Number	Percent
All	403	38.5%
African-American	10	34.5%
Asian	96	70.6%
Latino	131	60.9%
Native American	NS	NS
White	161	25.0%

### CHILD CARE

Cost/month—infant	1996	1997	1998
Cost/month—preschool	NA	NA	NA
Child care centers:	\$325	NA	\$314
% spaces for infants	NA	NA	0%

### CHILD SUPPORT

Percent cases with orders	1996	1997	1998
Money collected mo./case with order	41%	47%	45%
	\$40	\$42	\$42

## Health

LATE/NO PRENATAL CARE	1995	1996	1997
All	8.6%	8.1%	8.9%
African-American	4.8%	10.0%	6.9%
Asian	6.5%	5.6%	5.1%
Latino	13.5%	11.3%	9.8%
Native American	15.8%	4.8%	15.0%
White	7.9%	7.7%	9.3%

PERCENT LOW  
BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS

	1995	1996	1997
All	6.0%	5.9%	7.0%
African-American	4.8%	13.3%	10.3%
Asian	4.0%	5.6%	6.6%
Latino	4.2%	6.4%	7.0%
Native American	10.5%	0.0%	0.0%
White	7.0%	5.6%	7.1%

INFANT MORTALITY  
RATES (per 1,000)

	1995	1996	1997
All	8.4	4.6	8.6
African-American	23.8	0.0	0.0
Asian	5.0	6.3	14.7
Latino	0.0	9.8	0.0
Native American	52.6	0.0	0.0
White	9.6	3.0	10.9

## TEEN BIRTH RATES (per 1,000)

	1995	1996	1997
All	99.5	86.5	69.2
African-American	150.7	50.0	64.5
Asian	161.4	109.8	83.3
Latino	98.9	109.3	82.1
Native American	76.9	92.3	28.6
White	88.8	78.3	65.3

MOTHERS WHO INITIATE  
EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING

Percent	1997
	33%

## Education

CLASSROOMS	1996	1997	1998
% eligible in Head Start	NA	27.6%	NA
Average class size	28.2	27.4	26.1
Per pupil expenditure	\$4,140	\$4,524	\$5,080

## STUDENT PROFICIENCY

	1997	1998	1999
Students with limited English Proficiency	23%	23%	NA
% of 3rd graders reading at or above national avg.		42%	46%
% of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above national avg.		29%	41%

## PUBLIC LIBRARIES (1998)

	Monthly hours open (Per 100 young children)	Preschool programs (Per 100 young children)
	2.3	0.7

## Safety

FOSTER CARE RATES  
(1997—per 1,000)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
All	12.4	13.5
African-American	6.8	12.3
Asian	0.6	0.0
Latino	7.7	10.5
Native American	8.4	18.5
White	17.2	18.3

## CHILD ABUSE (1996)

	Number of reports	Rate (per 1,000)
	3,469	169.9

## GUN INJURIES &amp; DEATHS (1997)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	3	0
Deaths	0	0

MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES  
& DEATHS (1998)

	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-5
Injuries	104	20
Deaths	0	0

Yuba County  
Rankings

## Family Economics

Children living in poverty (0-17)	55 / 58
Children living in poverty (0-4)	46 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-17)	58 / 58
Children receiving TANF (0-5)	55 / 58
Children receiving WIC assistance	42 / 58
Fair market rent as % of min. wage	8 / 58
Mothers w/ <12 yrs education	47 / 55
Child care cost/month—infant	NA / 38
Child care cost/month—preschool	9 / 52
Child care: % spaces for infants	47 / 47
Child support: % cases w/ orders	45 / 48
Child support: \$ collected	48 / 48

## Health

Late/no prenatal care	48 / 49
Low birthweight infants	39 / 49
Infant mortality	30 / 37
Teen births	46 / 52
Mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding	50 / 58

## Education

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds in Head Start	57 / 57
Average class size	37 / 58
Per pupil expenditure	33 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above nat'l average	55 / 58
Percent of 3rd graders scoring (math) at or above nat'l average	14 / 58
Public libraries: Monthly hours open	56 / 58
Public libraries: Preschool programs	45 / 56

## Safety

Foster care rate (0-17)	48 / 57
Foster care rate (0-5)	43 / 48
Child abuse	54 / 58
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-17)	16 / 55
Vehicle injuries & deaths (0-5)	16 / 44

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## Demographics

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The population information includes the total population for each county, the number of children ages 0-17, the number of children ages 0-5 and the ethnic diversity of children ages 0-5. It also includes the number of births per county for 1997.

Source: California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, *Race/Ethnic Population with Age and Sex Detail, 1970-2040, December 1998*. Birth data obtained from California Department of Health Services, Office of Health Information and Research, Vital Statistics Section.

## Family Economics

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**Children living in poverty:** Percent of children ages 0-17 and ages 0-4 living in poverty. In 1995, the most recent year for available data, the Federal Poverty Level for a family of four was estimated at \$15,150.

Source: United States Bureau of the Census, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates Program, February 1999. Poverty estimates for children ages 0-4 were calculated by subtracting estimates for children ages 0-17 from estimates for children 5-17. This calculation results in an estimate for children ages 0-4 that includes chil-

dren 5-17 in foster care in poverty. Given the available data, it is not currently possible to extract this population (children 5-17 in foster care in poverty) from children ages 0-4 living in poverty. In 1995, about 91,000 children were in foster care in California. The Federal Poverty Level, also referred to as the Federal Poverty Guidelines, is issued each year in the Federal Register by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

**Children receiving TANF:** Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) is a cash assistance program to help children and families in times of need. In 1999, the maximum annual cash grant was \$7,152 - \$7,512 for a family of three (depending on their county of residence) or about half of the Federal Poverty Level for a family of that size. This indicator shows the number and percentage of children ages 0-17 and ages 0-5 in each county who received TANF assistance in July 1998.

Source: California Department of Health Services, Medical Care Statistics Section.

**Children receiving WIC assistance:** Women, Infants and Children (WIC) is a federal assistance program administered by the California Department of Health Services, WIC Supplemental Nutrition Branch. To be eligible for the program, families must have incomes at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level. In 1997, the year

for which data is available, the Federal Poverty Level for a four-person family was \$16,050. This indicator shows the number and percent of all eligible children ages 0-4 receiving WIC assistance. Due to estimate calculation, some small population counties reflect more children participating in WIC program than number eligible. This may not reflect actual circumstances.

Source: California Department of Health Services, WIC Supplemental Nutrition Branch.

**Fair market rent:** The gross rent estimate (including utilities, except telephone) for a modest two bedroom apartment, published by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, *Federal Register, Part IV, Vol. 63, No. 190, October 1, 1998*.

**Fair market rent as percent of minimum wage:** The current minimum wage in California is \$5.75 per hour. A \$958 monthly salary is the gross income from working at \$5.75 per hour, 40 hours per week, 50 weeks per year. This indicator calculates the fair market rent as a percent of the monthly minimum wage salary.

**Babies born to mothers with less than 12 years education:** The number and percentage of live California births which were to mothers (all ages) with less than 12 years of education.

Source: California Department of Health Services, Office of Health Information and Research, Vital Statistics Section.

**Child care costs:** The average monthly cost of full-time care for a child under 2 years of age (infant care) and for a child 2-5 years old (pre-school) in a licensed child care center.

**Child care center spaces for infants:** The percentage of all spaces in child care centers which are licensed to serve infants under the age of two. In California, licensed child care centers account for 68% of the regulated child care capacity; the remaining 32% is through family child care homes.

Source: California Child Care Resource and Referral Network, *The California Child Care Portfolio*, 1999.

**Child support:** The percentage of 1995-96 through 1997-98 child support cases which had orders to pay and the average amount of money which was collected monthly from those orders. It is important to note that cases without orders in place also represent children who are awaiting child support.

Source: California Department of Social Services, Child Support Management Information System, *Annual Report* (1995-96 through 1997-98). Calculations made by Children Now, with

technical and data preparation assistance from National Center for Youth Law.

## Additional Family Economics Indicators

**Median yearly income:** Represents a 1998 median yearly income estimate, based upon 1995 data and adjusted for inflation through 1998.

Source: Compiled and calculated by California Child Care Resource and Referral Network from United States Bureau of the Census, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates program, February 1999. See also California Child Care Resource and Referral Network, *The California Child Care Portfolio*, 1999.

**Unemployment rate:** This indicator represents the 1998 monthly average percentage of the California civilian labor force not employed and actively looking for work.

Source: California Employment Development Department, Labor Market Information Division, Information Services, February 1999.

**Low-income children:** The percentage of K-12 students enrolled in either public or private schools and eligible for free or reduced-cost meals. To be eligible for the program, families

must have incomes at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level. In 1998, the Federal Poverty Level for a four-person family was \$16,450.

Source: California Department of Education, Child Nutrition Division, *Free and Reduced Meals Information* report, 1998-1999. Compiled by California Food Policy Advocates.

## Health

**Percentage of births with late or no prenatal care:** The percentage of live births to mothers of all ages who did not receive prenatal care until the third trimester or who received no prenatal care.

Source: California Department of Health Services, Office of Health Information and Research and Vital Statistics Section.

**Percentage of low birthweight infants:** The percentage of all live births with birthweights less than 2500 grams (5.5 lbs.).

Source: California Department of Health Services, Office of Health Information and Research, Vital Statistics Section.

**Infant mortality rate:** The number of infants who die within the first year of life per 1,000 live births.



Source: California Department of Health Services, Office of Health Information and Research, Vital Statistics Section.

**Teen birth rate:** The number of births to female teens ages 15 through 19 per 1,000 females of that age group.

Source: California Department of Health Services, Office of Health Information and Research, Vital Statistics Section.

**Percent of mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding:** Breastfeeding reduces health care costs by reducing the incidence of ovarian and cervical cancer, certain childhood cancers, ear infections and other illnesses. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that breastfeeding continue for at least 12 months, and thereafter for as long as mutually desired.

Data is self-reporting by new mothers who were asked, before discharge, if they intended to breastfeed only, use formula only or supplement breastfeeding with formula. The "total" breastfeeding rate includes those who are breastfeeding exclusively and those supplementing breastfeeding with formula.

Source: California Department of Health Services, maternal and Child Health Branch.

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## Education

### Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds enrolled in Head Start

**Start:** Head Start is a federally funded comprehensive preschool program for low-income children. To be eligible for the program, families must have incomes at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level. In 1997, the year for which data is available, the Federal Poverty Level for a four-person family was \$16,050. This indicator represents the percent of all eligible children 3-4 years old enrolled in Head Start.

Source: United States Department of Health and Human Services, Head Start Bureau, *Biennial Report to Congress on the Status of Children in Head Start Programs, Fiscal Year 1997*.

**Average class size:** The enrollment in classes divided by the number of classes. It excludes special education classes, classes with zero enrollment and classes with enrollment over 50.

Source: California Department of Education, Educational Demographics Unit.

**Per pupil expenditure:** The current expenditures for education (including general fund items such as certificated salaries, classified salaries, employee benefits, books and supplies, equipment replacement and services and direct support) divided by the total average daily attendance

(ADA). These county per-pupil expenditure figures include slightly different costs than the per-pupil expenditures reported for state-by-state comparisons.

Source: California Department of Education, School Business Services Division.

**Students with limited English proficiency:** The percentage of public school students (K-12) who were designated by the school as having limited proficiency in English.

Source: California Department of Education, Educational Demographics Unit.

**Reading and math scores:** This indicator represents the percent of 3rd grade children scoring at or above the 50th National Percentile Rank (NPR). Children whose reading and math scores are above the 50th NPR are scoring above 50 percent of a sample of children ("national norming sample") across the United States who completed the same exam for their grade level in 1995. In 1998, second through eleventh grade students in California's 8,000 schools began taking the Stanford Achievement Test, Version 9 (SAT-9) in the spring as part of the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) program.

Source: California Department of Education, Standardized Achievement Test and Reporting Program, 1998, 1999.

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**Public libraries:** This indicator represents the number of total hours all public libraries are accessible to patrons as a percent of all children. Also shown is the number of preschool programs per 100 preschool children. Generally, any child age 0-5 is allowed to participate in library preschool programs. Please note, Sierra county contracts with Plumas for some library services. Plumas county data includes Sierra county data. Please refer to Plumas county for available Sierra county library services information.

Source: California State Library, Library Development Services Bureau.

### Additional Education Indicators

**High school dropout rate:** The percentage of public school 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade students who leave school in one year and do not notify the school of a change of residence.

Source: California Department of Education, Educational Demographics Unit.

**Graduates prepared for college:** The percentage of public high school twelfth-grade graduates who have completed the courses required for entrance into the University of California and California State University systems.

Source: California Department of Education, Educational Demographics Unit.

### Safety

**Child abuse:** The number of reports of child sexual, physical and emotional abuse, as well as neglect, exploitation and caretaker incapacity per 1,000 children.

Source: California Dept. of Social Services, Data Analysis and Publications Branch, *Preplacement Preventive Services for Children in California, Annual Statistical Report*, 1994, 1995, 1996.

**Foster care:** The number of children ages 0-17 and ages 0-5 who are in out-of-home care per 1,000 children. These estimates do not include children (about 5,000 statewide) who are under probation status and in foster care. This indicator represents a point in time analysis (count) as of July 1 for respective years for which data is shown.

Source: University of California, Berkeley, Child Welfare Research Center.

**Gun injuries and deaths:** The numbers of injuries and fatalities to children ages 0-17 and ages 0-5 years of age from firearms. The injuries and fatalities include those which are unintentional, self-inflicted, a result of assault, a result of legal intervention and whose causes are undetermined.

Source: California Department of Health Services, Injury Surveillance and Epidemiology Section.

**Motor vehicle injuries and deaths:** The number of injuries and fatalities to children ages 0-17 and ages 0-5 from motor vehicle accidents.

Source: Department of California Highway Patrol, Information Services Unit.

### Comments on Ranking Methodology

Of the 31 indicators presented in this book, 27 of them are ranked so that counties can compare themselves to each other and to state averages.

Where available, the ranks are based on three-year averages. For indicators in which the universe of possible incidents is limited, several factors were considered to determine which counties can not be ranked reliably: the standard deviation of the data, the rate variation between years and total number of incidents. If the average rate can not be considered reliable, the county is eliminated from the ranking. When counties have the same rate or number for an indicator, they receive the same rank. Additionally, for privacy reasons, statistics in which the population base is less than seven are not shown (NS).

# California Children

1998, Ages 0-17

	White	Latino	Asian	African-American	Native American	Total	White	Latino	Asian	African-American	Native American	Total
CALIFORNIA	3,769,068	3,847,685	1,056,688	702,441	50,286	9,426,168	339,554	313,184	99,285	14,538	1,732	768,293
Alameda	134,273	86,654	76,541	73,407	1,588	372,463	49,546	7,022	1,692	426	451	59,137
Alpine	112	18	4	0	95	229	3,682	437	35	57	171	4,382
Amador	5,440	721	48	134	108	6,451	215,611	175,268	18,981	26,272	3,576	439,708
Butte	38,086	6,355	3,339	889	880	49,549	184,342	56,110	43,994	40,124	3,225	327,795
Calaveras	7,828	794	81	43	189	8,935	6,162	7,716	266	72	36	14,252
Colusa	2,484	3,099	80	12	80	5,755	244,058	212,418	25,946	52,157	2,901	537,480
Contra Costa	130,508	44,555	31,481	26,817	968	234,329	372,871	267,313	73,212	56,355	4,062	773,813
Del Norte	5,229	981	319	29	616	7,174	40,667	32,083	55,636	20,089	395	148,870
El Dorado	31,874	4,820	996	187	372	38,249	73,648	52,285	30,580	10,277	1,110	167,900
Fresno	83,791	121,515	35,477	14,462	2,025	257,270	39,897	11,425	1,298	1,024	297	53,941
Glenn	4,657	2,808	679	25	146	8,315	72,982	54,516	39,418	8,625	591	176,132
Humboldt	25,128	2,297	1,279	301	2,495	31,500	47,281	49,312	4,720	2,663	483	104,459
Imperial	6,788	38,966	522	692	352	47,320	169,964	141,621	113,015	16,463	1,009	442,072
Inyo	2,928	794	61	15	574	4,372	36,133	24,546	2,290	733	246	63,948
Kern	98,693	87,923	6,332	12,840	1,558	207,346	37,286	2,898	1,716	403	1,273	43,576
Kings	16,302	17,147	1,632	2,128	328	37,537	624	58	2	2	15	701
Lake	10,885	1,794	126	342	385	13,532	8,415	1,208	134	179	555	10,491
Lassen	5,886	907	69	74	257	7,193	57,659	20,146	16,767	16,534	649	111,755
Los Angeles	602,300	1,615,545	302,330	277,669	5,801	2,803,645	80,138	21,942	4,435	2,230	1,154	109,899
Madera	14,613	18,014	463	893	314	34,297	74,775	45,128	10,693	2,935	1,129	134,660
Marin	37,261	8,429	2,993	1,635	110	50,428	13,207	5,671	2,739	386	205	22,208
Mariposa	3,048	277	25	14	122	3,486	10,621	3,179	100	75	271	14,246
Mendocino	15,862	4,849	292	157	1,257	22,417	2,648	122	42	11	190	3,013
Merced	27,011	30,701	10,125	2,839	273	70,949	44,621	67,924	6,178	1,829	835	121,387
Modoc	1,863	403	11	13	126	2,416	9,562	900	100	73	166	10,801
Mono	1,888	592	35	11	119	2,645	105,162	83,277	12,375	4,496	754	206,064
Monterey	41,246	62,671	7,149	5,570	470	117,106	22,437	12,995	3,662	891	498	40,483
Napa	18,718	8,508	1,123	423	159	28,931	12,803	3,291	3,572	865	347	20,878
Nevada	18,010	1,553	193	36	193	19,985						

Source: California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit

# California Children

1998, Ages 0-5

	White	Latino	Asian	African- American	Native American	Total	White	Latino	Asian	African- American	Native American	Total	
CALIFORNIA	1,178,909	1,562,203	370,593	235,540	16,067	3,363,312	Orange	113,809	140,430	36,663	4,991	612	296,505
Alameda	43,087	34,812	27,999	24,668	536	131,102	Placer	15,067	2,581	630	127	148	18,553
Alpine	18	4	2	0	34	58	Plumas	885	117	14	10	41	1,067
Amador	1,541	189	22	8	31	1,791	Riverside	62,806	71,502	6,907	9,123	1,283	151,621
Butte	11,132	2,325	1,318	299	251	15,325	Sacramento	59,862	21,240	16,046	13,950	972	112,070
Calaveras	2,072	245	31	12	54	2,414	San Benito	1,954	2,988	108	23	10	5,083
Colusa	707	1,229	26	5	24	1,991	San Bernardino	72,043	85,144	9,516	17,544	992	185,239
Contra Costa	40,527	17,115	10,253	8,930	231	77,056	San Diego	122,203	113,771	27,554	19,820	1,383	284,731
Del Norte	1,486	312	103	8	193	2,102	San Francisco	15,672	12,307	19,450	6,389	114	53,932
El Dorado	8,648	1,908	387	42	100	11,085	San Joaquin	22,408	20,208	9,173	3,825	406	56,020
Fresno	26,000	47,301	11,761	5,309	695	91,066	San Luis Obispo	11,349	4,324	452	211	67	16,403
Glenn	1,392	1,062	241	7	40	2,742	San Mateo	24,562	21,086	14,254	2,432	156	62,490
Humboldt	7,346	786	373	87	825	9,417	Santa Barbara	14,252	20,381	1,697	788	129	37,247
Imperial	1,868	14,261	152	216	16	16,513	Santa Clara	55,603	56,234	42,294	5,344	370	159,845
Inyo	771	341	27	3	186	1,328	Santa Cruz	10,353	10,423	745	168	56	21,745
Kern	29,983	35,397	2,329	4,527	452	72,688	Shasta	10,926	960	513	116	454	12,969
Kings	5,287	6,749	594	705	109	13,444	Sierra	109	11	2	0	0	122
Lake	3,063	636	44	115	137	3,995	Siskiyou	2,269	478	44	35	128	2,954
Lassen	1,616	322	24	25	77	2,064	Solano	17,523	7,096	5,518	5,392	201	35,730
Los Angeles	192,264	652,944	102,105	92,937	1,794	1,042,044	Sonoma	22,868	9,020	1,439	652	400	34,379
Madera	4,315	7,437	162	303	124	12,341	Stanislaus	22,640	17,687	2,982	1,009	447	44,765
Marin	11,471	3,731	1,067	484	31	16,784	Sutter	4,145	2,073	1,032	124	68	7,442
Mariposa	853	97	10	7	27	994	Tehama	3,022	1,278	44	23	101	4,468
Mendocino	4,279	1,898	99	29	430	6,735	Trinity	708	24	10	5	51	798
Merced	8,029	11,833	3,226	944	73	24,105	Tulare	13,760	27,314	1,847	626	199	43,746
Modoc	521	154	6	1	35	717	Tuolumne	2,588	301	33	21	43	2,986
Mono	468	260	11	1	23	763	Ventura	32,805	33,196	4,182	1,335	240	71,758
Monterey	12,513	26,463	2,226	1,158	104	42,464	Yolo	7,181	4,964	1,236	276	178	13,835
Napa	5,338	3,541	319	106	62	9,366	Yuba	4,124	1,182	1,237	238	71	6,852
Nevada	4,818	531	54	7	53	5,463							

Source: California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit

# Children Living in Poverty <sup>1995</sup>

	Children 0-17	% Children 0-17	Rank 0-17	Children 0-4	% Children 0-4	Rank 0-4	Children 0-17	% Children 0-17	Rank 0-17	Children 0-4	% Children 0-4	Rank 0-4
CALIFORNIA	2,214,535	24.3%		850,772	28.6%		115,952	16.4%	16	48,917	21.1%	19
Alameda	61,084	17.3%	19	22,137	19.6%	17	6,268	10.3%	3	2,423	13.7%	5
Alpine	93	28.5%	50	24	27.4%	38	1,094	19.3%	25	347	23.2%	28
Amador	934	13.2%	9	310	16.5%	12	86,989	19.7%	27	33,351	22.7%	26
Butte	13,409	26.7%	43	4,607	30.1%	49	78,926	24.5%	37	27,189	26.9%	35
Calaveras	1,756	17.1%	18	551	19.5%	16	2,344	15.4%	15	834	17.6%	13
Colusa	1,308	21.3%	30	486	27.1%	36	124,005	22.9%	34	46,074	25.7%	31
Contra Costa	29,600	12.3%	6	11,123	15.0%	7	165,161	22.7%	32	67,513	28.2%	42
Del Norte	2,128	26.7%	43	630	27.7%	40	26,549	20.6%	29	9,101	22.3%	21
El Dorado	5,067	11.6%	5	1,751	13.5%	4	46,657	27.2%	46	15,863	29.1%	44
Fresno	92,425	36.3%	57	34,619	42.2%	56	9,326	16.7%	17	3,456	20.1%	18
Glenn	2,274	26.0%	42	772	29.2%	45	15,814	9.6%	2	6,118	11.2%	3
Humboldt	8,336	24.2%	36	2,691	27.2%	37	19,210	19.3%	25	7,355	22.3%	22
Imperial	16,493	33.4%	53	7,104	49.5%	58	55,673	13.4%	11	20,163	15.1%	8
Inyo	900	18.9%	23	316	23.5%	29	11,031	17.8%	22	4,267	21.7%	20
Kern	58,499	27.8%	49	22,630	33.2%	52	11,470	24.0%	35	3,881	27.6%	39
Kings	10,846	28.6%	51	3,784	30.9%	50	102	10.6%	4	27	9.6%	1
Lake	4,106	29.1%	52	1,237	30.1%	48	3,249	25.8%	41	1,038	32.6%	51
Lassen	1,407	17.5%	20	482	22.4%	23	15,508	13.5%	12	5,783	16.4%	11
Los Angeles	875,324	33.7%	54	346,593	39.6%	55	15,018	13.3%	10	5,579	16.0%	9
Madera	9,937	27.6%	47	3,570	33.2%	53	34,372	24.6%	38	12,233	27.9%	41
Marin	4,169	8.6%	1	1,521	9.9%	2	5,365	22.7%	32	1,907	26.6%	34
Mariposa	748	19.0%	24	254	22.5%	24	4,358	27.7%	48	1,368	29.9%	47
Mendocino	6,103	24.9%	39	2,047	29.1%	43	972	25.6%	40	250	24.8%	30
Merced	25,638	35.6%	56	8,859	38.4%	54	47,181	37.3%	58	17,419	44.7%	57
Modoc	755	26.9%	45	199	26.1%	32	2,266	17.6%	21	762	22.7%	25
Mono	359	12.7%	7	139	14.4%	6	29,450	13.8%	14	11,800	17.8%	14
Monterey	23,937	22.1%	31	9,646	26.4%	33	8,290	20.4%	28	2,961	22.7%	27
Napa	3,874	13.0%	8	1,458	16.2%	10	7,279	34.0%	55	2,141	29.5%	46
Nevada	3,145	13.6%	13	1,110	18.0%	15						
Orange												
Placer												
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Source: Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates Program, Bureau of the Census. Population as of July 1996. These estimates were released in February 1999. Note: Poverty estimate for children under age 5 includes children 5-17 in foster care.

# Children Receiving TANF

1996-1998 percent of child population ages 0-17 receiving Temporary Aid to Needy Families

	1996-1998 Avg. # children 0-17	1996-1998 % children 0-17	1996-1998 Rank	1996 % children 0-17	1997 % children 0-17	1998 % children 0-17	1996-1998 Avg. # children 0-17	1996-1998 % children 0-17	1996-1998 Rank	1996 % children 0-17	1997 % children 0-17	1998 % children 0-17
CALIFORNIA	1,613,321	17.5%		19.8%	17.6%	15.2%						
Alameda	58,960	16.3%	28	18.7%	16.3%	14.0%						
Alpine	68	28.7%	52	37.8%	26.2%	21.4%						
Amador	667	10.3%	14	10.8%	10.8%	9.4%						
Butte	13,644	27.7%	49	30.3%	27.6%	25.1%						
Calaveras	1,444	16.4%	29	18.2%	17.1%	14.0%						
Colusa	619	11.0%	17	12.5%	11.2%	9.3%						
Contra Costa	27,626	12.0%	19	13.4%	12.0%	10.5%						
Del Norte	2,245	31.6%	56	34.3%	32.8%	27.8%						
El Dorado	3,090	8.2%	6	9.8%	8.0%	6.7%						
Fresno	76,251	29.9%	54	32.7%	29.7%	27.4%						
Glenn	1,660	20.2%	36	22.1%	19.8%	18.8%						
Humboldt	6,829	21.6%	37	23.7%	21.5%	19.5%						
Imperial	12,590	27.0%	48	29.6%	27.2%	24.2%						
Inyo	703	16.0%	26	17.7%	16.7%	13.6%						
Kern	47,903	23.5%	43	26.0%	23.4%	21.2%						
Kings	7,423	20.1%	35	23.5%	20.4%	16.6%						
Lake	4,247	31.7%	57	34.8%	31.8%	28.5%						
Lassen	1,564	22.1%	39	25.1%	21.7%	19.6%						
Los Angeles	550,951	20.0%	34	22.1%	20.2%	17.9%						
Madera	8,201	24.6%	44	26.7%	24.5%	22.5%						
Marin	2,189	4.4%	1	5.2%	4.5%	3.6%						
Mariposa	650	18.5%	31	20.0%	19.0%	16.4%						
Mendocino	4,407	19.7%	33	22.0%	19.9%	17.3%						
Merced	21,982	31.4%	55	35.4%	31.8%	27.1%						
Modoc	706	28.8%	53	32.7%	27.2%	26.5%						
Mono	176	6.6%	3	6.8%	6.9%	6.2%						
Monterey	14,823	13.2%	21	15.5%	13.2%	11.0%						
Napa	2,081	7.3%	4	9.1%	7.2%	5.6%						
Nevada	1,671	8.4%	8	10.6%	8.2%	6.4%						
Orange	64,758	8.7%	10	10.5%	8.7%	7.0%						
Placer	4,368	7.6%	5	9.3%	7.7%	6.0%						
Plumas	683	15.2%	25	17.7%	15.1%	12.8%						
Riverside	68,980	16.1%	27	18.6%	16.4%	13.5%						
Sacramento	91,753	28.4%	50	30.4%	28.7%	26.2%						
San Benito	1,552	11.3%	18	14.2%	11.3%	8.7%						
San Bernardino	118,017	22.4%	41	25.5%	22.7%	19.0%						
San Diego	109,602	14.6%	23	17.3%	14.7%	11.9%						
San Francisco	17,589	12.1%	20	14.4%	11.9%	9.9%						
San Joaquin	44,375	26.9%	47	29.7%	26.8%	24.1%						
San Luis Obispo	5,446	10.3%	13	12.0%	10.5%	8.5%						
San Mateo	8,188	4.8%	2	6.4%	4.8%	3.2%						
Santa Barbara	11,267	11.0%	16	12.6%	10.9%	9.6%						
Santa Clara	43,593	10.1%	12	12.7%	10.1%	7.6%						
Santa Cruz	5,946	9.4%	11	11.2%	9.6%	7.6%						
Shasta	10,798	24.9%	45	27.1%	25.4%	22.2%						
Sierra	80	10.8%	15	11.2%	10.4%	10.7%						
Siskiyou	2,681	25.1%	46	28.4%	25.8%	21.1%						
Solano	15,115	13.6%	22	14.9%	13.8%	12.2%						
Sonoma	9,229	8.5%	9	10.4%	8.8%	6.4%						
Stanislaus	28,904	21.8%	38	24.8%	22.2%	18.4%						
Sutter	3,289	15.0%	24	16.4%	15.2%	13.6%						
Tehama	3,319	23.2%	42	25.7%	22.9%	21.0%						
Trinity	692	22.3%	40	26.4%	20.8%	19.3%						
Tulare	34,348	28.6%	51	32.0%	28.6%	25.3%						
Tuolumne	1,983	18.2%	30	20.3%	18.4%	16.0%						
Ventura	16,911	8.3%	7	9.8%	8.4%	6.7%						
Yolo	7,499	18.9%	32	21.3%	19.1%	16.3%						
Yuba	6,986	33.8%	58	38.1%	33.3%	30.1%						

Source: Department of Health Services, Medical Care Statistics Section. Note: Data represents children receiving TANF for July 1996, July 1997 and July 1998.

# Children Receiving TANF

1996-1998 percent of child population ages 0-5 receiving Temporary Aid to Needy Families

	1996-1998 Avg. # children 0-5	1996-1998 % children 0-5	1996-1998 Rank	1996 % children 0-5	1997 % children 0-5	1998 % children 0-5	1996-1998 Rank	1996-1998 Avg. # children 0-5	1996-1998 % children 0-5	1996 % children 0-5	1997 % children 0-5	1998 % children 0-5
CALIFORNIA	657,554	19.3%		22.3%	19.3%	16.3%						
Alameda	22,863	17.5%	22	20.7%	17.4%	14.4%						
Alpine	23	36.8%	54	50.8%	33.9%	24.1%						
Amador	257	14.5%	19	15.2%	15.2%	13.1%						
Butte	5,179	33.6%	52	38.2%	33.8%	28.8%						
Calaveras	504	21.0%	27	24.8%	21.2%	17.1%						
Colusa	272	13.9%	17	16.2%	13.5%	11.9%						
Contra Costa	11,096	14.3%	18	16.5%	14.2%	12.2%						
Del Norte	821	39.2%	58	44.6%	40.0%	32.9%						
El Dorado	1,161	10.4%	8	12.4%	10.2%	8.7%						
Fresno	30,073	32.4%	51	36.0%	31.8%	29.3%						
Glenn	628	23.0%	31	25.8%	22.5%	20.6%						
Humboldt	2,514	26.2%	38	29.7%	26.1%	22.7%						
Imperial	4,602	27.4%	40	30.0%	27.3%	24.7%						
Inyo	302	22.5%	29	24.8%	23.7%	19.1%						
Kern	20,483	27.9%	42	31.4%	27.5%	24.9%						
Kings	3,160	23.5%	32	27.6%	23.5%	19.2%						
Lake	1,548	38.1%	57	42.2%	37.2%	34.6%						
Lassen	649	32.2%	50	37.9%	31.3%	27.7%						
Los Angeles	229,008	21.4%	28	24.0%	21.5%	18.6%						
Madera	3,720	30.6%	46	33.6%	30.0%	28.3%						
Marin	887	5.2%	1	6.2%	5.4%	4.1%						
Mariposa	231	22.6%	30	23.3%	23.5%	20.8%						
Mendocino	1,656	24.5%	35	27.9%	24.2%	21.2%						
Merced	8,544	35.1%	53	40.3%	35.5%	29.4%						
Modoc	261	37.4%	56	48.2%	33.7%	30.5%						
Mono	71	8.9%	4	10.6%	7.9%	8.1%						
Monterey	6,549	15.5%	20	18.4%	15.3%	12.9%						
Napa	910	9.8%	6	12.5%	9.7%	7.1%						
Nevada	647	11.9%	13	15.6%	11.2%	9.0%						
Orange	26,524	8.9%	3	11.0%	8.7%	6.9%						
Placer	1,766	9.7%	5	12.4%	9.6%	7.3%						
Plumas	258	23.7%	33	29.4%	22.7%	18.7%						
Riverside	29,157	19.3%	25	22.5%	19.4%	15.8%						
Sacramento	36,106	31.9%	48	35.0%	32.2%	28.4%						
San Benito	653	13.3%	15	17.2%	13.1%	10.0%						
San Bernardino	49,085	26.2%	39	30.7%	26.7%	21.1%						
San Diego	44,495	15.6%	21	18.9%	15.6%	12.2%						
San Francisco	6,489	11.7%	12	14.1%	11.7%	9.3%						
San Joaquin	16,942	30.0%	44	34.0%	29.9%	26.2%						
San Luis Obispo	2,207	13.5%	16	16.0%	13.5%	10.8%						
San Mateo	3,566	5.7%	2	7.9%	5.6%	3.6%						
Santa Barbara	4,910	13.0%	14	14.7%	12.8%	11.4%						
Santa Clara	17,509	10.9%	10	14.2%	10.8%	7.9%						
Santa Cruz	2,526	11.3%	11	13.1%	11.4%	9.2%						
Shasta	4,054	31.1%	47	34.5%	31.6%	27.2%						
Sierra	31	24.9%	36	25.4%	27.3%	22.1%						
Siskiyou	882	30.3%	45	35.5%	31.9%	23.8%						
Solano	6,380	17.5%	23	19.7%	17.6%	15.2%						
Sonoma	3,667	10.6%	9	13.1%	10.9%	7.7%						
Stanislaus	11,258	25.1%	37	29.0%	25.5%	20.7%						
Sutter	1,327	17.7%	24	19.8%	17.5%	15.6%						
Tehama	1,285	28.6%	43	32.6%	28.1%	25.0%						
Trinity	227	27.7%	41	34.5%	25.3%	23.1%						
Tulare	14,050	32.2%	49	36.5%	32.0%	28.1%						
Tuolumne	725	24.0%	34	26.4%	24.6%	20.9%						
Ventura	7,377	10.2%	7	12.3%	10.2%	8.0%						
Yolo	2,906	21.0%	26	24.3%	21.1%	17.4%						
Yuba	2,572	36.9%	55	42.4%	36.0%	32.1%						

Source: Department of Health Services, Medical Care Statistics Section. Note: Data represents children receiving TANF for July 1996, July 1997 and July 1998.



# Children & Infants Receiving WIC

1997-1998

	Number of participants ages 0-4	% child ages 0-4 eligible	1997-1998 Rank		Number of participants ages 0-4	% child ages 0-4 eligible	1997-1998 Rank
CALIFORNIA	942,858	68.4%		Orange	72,301	71.3%	12
Alameda	23,967	60.6%	35	Placer	1,926	52.1%	51
Alpine	54	150.0%	1	Plumas	430	84.3%	5
Amador	338	58.8%	40	Riverside	36,464	57.8%	41
Butte	4,760	64.0%	28	Sacramento	24,019	56.4%	46
Calaveras	351	42.0%	56	San Benito	1,469	79.7%	9
Colusa	812	70.4%	15	San Bernardino	43,318	52.7%	50
Contra Costa	11,677	68.1%	19	San Diego	77,621	64.9%	26
Del Norte	871	80.4%	6	San Francisco	13,323	74.4%	11
El Dorado	1,462	48.4%	54	San Joaquin	13,767	57.2%	44
Fresno	18,505	36.7%	58	San Luis Obispo	2,740	48.6%	53
Glenn	1,152	78.2%	10	San Mateo	9,018	61.3%	33
Humboldt	2,497	56.4%	45	Santa Barbara	10,698	65.6%	24
Imperial	5,034	61.3%	34	Santa Clara	17,498	42.7%	55
Inyo	514	71.0%	14	Santa Cruz	4,992	60.2%	36
Kern	43,781	116.0%	3	Shasta	3,625	57.3%	43
Kings	3,088	49.6%	52	Sierra	45	125.0%	2
Lake	1,365	65.8%	23	Siskiyou	973	62.4%	30
Lassen	563	64.0%	29	Solano	7,003	55.1%	48
Los Angeles	385,940	80.2%	8	Sonoma	6,199	60.1%	37
Madera	4,431	64.6%	27	Stanislaus	11,802	61.8%	32
Marin	1,414	40.2%	57	Sutter	2,193	67.3%	20
Mariposa	231	59.8%	39	Tehama	1,623	68.6%	17
Mendocino	2,197	60.0%	38	Trinity	297	66.9%	21
Merced	9,529	71.2%	13	Tulare	15,216	62.1%	31
Modoc	261	65.4%	25	Tuolumne	662	55.9%	47
Mono	220	68.5%	18	Ventura	13,715	53.7%	49
Monterey	13,752	66.3%	22	Yolo	5,291	99.1%	4
Napa	2,258	80.2%	7	Yuba	2,509	57.6%	42
Nevada	1,097	68.7%	16				

Source: WIC Branch, DHS. Note: 1) Participation data as of June 1998. Eligibility data is for July 1997-June 1998 State fiscal year. 2) Due to estimate calculation, some small population counties reflect more children participating in WIC program than number eligible. This may not represent actual circumstances.

# Fair Market Rent

1998

	2 Bedroom Apartments	FMR as % of mo. minimum wage income	Rank		2 Bedroom Apartments	FMR as % of mo. minimum wage income	Rank
CALIFORNIA	n/a			Orange	\$858	89.5%	53
Alameda	\$812	84.7%	50	Placer	\$648	67.6%	35
Alpine	\$510	53.2%	15	Plumas	\$474	49.5%	1
Amador	\$611	63.8%	33	Riverside	\$587	61.3%	30
Butte	\$554	57.8%	23	Sacramento	\$648	67.6%	35
Calaveras	\$561	58.5%	24	San Benito	\$665	69.4%	39
Colusa	\$474	49.5%	1	San Bernardino	\$587	61.3%	30
Contra Costa	\$812	84.7%	50	San Diego	\$691	72.1%	41
Del Norte	\$561	58.5%	24	San Francisco	\$987	103.0%	55
El Dorado	\$648	67.6%	35	San Joaquin	\$581	60.6%	29
Fresno	\$533	55.6%	20	San Luis Obispo	\$714	74.5%	44
Glenn	\$474	49.5%	1	San Mateo	\$987	103.0%	55
Humboldt	\$564	58.9%	27	Santa Barbara	\$852	88.9%	52
Imperial	\$523	54.6%	17	Santa Clara	\$987	103.0%	55
Inyo	\$540	56.3%	22	Santa Cruz	\$985	102.8%	54
Kern	\$499	52.1%	13	Shasta	\$510	53.2%	15
Kings	\$506	52.8%	14	Sierra	\$497	51.9%	11
Lake	\$575	60.0%	28	Siskiyou	\$474	49.5%	1
Lassen	\$485	50.6%	10	Solano	\$711	74.2%	42
Los Angeles	\$737	76.9%	47	Sonoma	\$782	81.6%	49
Madera	\$533	55.6%	20	Stanislaus	\$562	58.6%	26
Marin	\$987	103.0%	55	Sutter	\$479	50.0%	8
Mariposa	\$531	55.4%	19	Tehama	\$474	49.5%	1
Mendocino	\$616	64.3%	34	Trinity	\$474	49.5%	1
Merced	\$528	55.1%	18	Tulare	\$497	51.9%	11
Modoc	\$474	49.5%	1	Tuolumne	\$606	63.2%	32
Mono	\$732	76.4%	45	Ventura	\$781	81.5%	48
Monterey	\$733	76.5%	46	Yolo	\$652	68.0%	38
Napa	\$711	74.2%	42	Yuba	\$479	50.0%	8
Nevada	\$686	71.6%	40				

Source: United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. Note: n/a = Not available.

# Babies Born to Mothers

with less than 12 Yrs. Education, 1995-1997

	Avg. # born to women less 12 yrs. ed	1995-1997 Avg. rate	1995-1997 Rank	1995 Rate	1996 Rate	1997 Rate	Avg. # born to women less 12 yrs. ed	1995-1997 Avg. rate	1995-1997 Rank	1995 Rate	1996 Rate	1997 Rate
CALIFORNIA	176,710	32.8%		33.6%	33.1%	31.8%						
Alameda	3,968	19.1%	12	19.6%	19.3%	18.4%						
Alpine	4	46.4%	NR	54.5%	30.0%	57.1%						
Amador	41	15.1%	5	13.0%	16.3%	15.9%						
Butte	693	28.7%	29	29.3%	28.2%	28.6%						
Calaveras	57	16.6%	8	16.5%	16.9%	16.5%						
Colusa	156	50.6%	55	49.2%	51.3%	51.5%						
Contra Costa	2,031	16.4%	7	16.9%	16.8%	15.6%						
Del Norte	106	32.9%	35	33.5%	31.8%	33.3%						
El Dorado	266	15.8%	6	15.4%	16.2%	15.8%						
Fresno	6,536	44.7%	51	45.5%	44.8%	43.9%						
Glenn	189	43.2%	49	44.1%	43.9%	41.7%						
Humboldt	303	20.0%	14	21.6%	20.5%	17.9%						
Imperial	855	34.1%	40	34.7%	33.6%	34.0%						
Inyo	65	29.9%	30	34.3%	26.7%	27.9%						
Kern	4,145	35.8%	43	37.8%	35.2%	34.1%						
Kings	812	37.6%	45	37.7%	38.3%	36.7%						
Lake	171	28.2%	28	29.0%	30.5%	24.8%						
Lassen	59	19.3%	13	22.5%	20.5%	15.2%						
Los Angeles	69,003	40.9%	48	42.2%	41.3%	39.2%						
Madera	953	47.7%	53	48.3%	47.8%	47.1%						
Marin	367	13.9%	2	12.4%	14.6%	14.7%						
Mariposa	22	14.8%	4	17.2%	14.9%	11.9%						
Mendocino	276	26.1%	24	26.5%	25.0%	26.6%						
Merced	1,688	44.5%	50	45.6%	44.5%	43.4%						
Modoc	19	17.1%	9	16.4%	17.5%	17.3%						
Mono	41	32.9%	36	33.8%	30.8%	33.9%						
Monterey	3,077	45.8%	52	46.5%	45.3%	45.4%						
Napa	454	30.5%	31	31.5%	29.8%	30.1%						
Nevada	113	14.0%	3	11.2%	14.7%	16.3%						
Orange	15,994	33.3%	37	33.5%	33.9%	32.5%						
Placer	305	11.1%	1	11.6%	10.9%	10.7%						
Plumas	29	18.2%	NR	21.4%	23.0%	10.3%						
Riverside	7,651	32.3%	33	32.5%	32.5%	31.9%						
Sacramento	4,298	23.9%	22	25.2%	23.3%	23.1%						
San Benito	302	36.5%	44	35.8%	39.7%	34.2%						
San Bernardino	9,889	33.8%	38	34.0%	34.2%	33.2%						
San Diego	11,940	26.7%	25	27.4%	26.8%	25.9%						
San Francisco	1,799	21.5%	19	21.7%	21.7%	20.9%						
San Joaquin	2,867	32.4%	34	34.6%	32.3%	30.3%						
San Luis Obispo	540	21.2%	18	21.1%	21.5%	21.0%						
San Mateo	2,006	20.0%	16	19.7%	20.4%	20.0%						
Santa Barbara	2,207	37.7%	46	37.0%	38.2%	37.7%						
Santa Clara	5,518	20.9%	17	21.4%	21.3%	20.2%						
Santa Cruz	1,211	34.8%	41	36.2%	35.3%	32.8%						
Shasta	463	22.8%	20	22.6%	23.2%	22.7%						
Sierra	3	19.6%	NR	13.0%	6.3%	50.0%						
Siskiyou	97	20.0%	15	20.7%	19.2%	20.2%						
Solano	999	17.6%	10	17.5%	18.2%	17.2%						
Sonoma	1,356	24.9%	23	24.0%	25.2%	25.4%						
Stanislaus	2,406	34.0%	39	34.5%	33.8%	33.6%						
Sutter	361	30.8%	32	31.3%	29.0%	32.1%						
Tehama	236	34.9%	42	33.4%	35.9%	35.6%						
Trinity	28	23.1%	21	25.2%	20.0%	25.0%						
Tulare	3,432	48.4%	54	50.4%	48.3%	46.4%						
Tuolumne	84	17.7%	11	19.5%	15.8%	17.8%						
Ventura	3,177	27.2%	26	26.6%	27.8%	27.3%						
Yolo	602	28.0%	27	28.4%	28.4%	27.3%						
Yuba	442	39.9%	47	41.5%	39.6%	38.5%						

Source: Department of Health Services, Center for Health Statistics. Note: Percentage refers to percentage of infants born to women with less than 12 years education. NR =Not ranked; numbers too small to be statistically significant.

# Child Care

Infant slots and monthly costs 1998

	% Infant slots	Infant % slots Rank	Infant care Dollars	Rank	Preschool care Dollars	Rank	% Infant slots	Infant % slots Rank	Infant care Dollars	Rank	Preschool care Dollars	Rank
CALIFORNIA	4%		\$651		\$467		4%	21	\$713	32	\$486	45
Alameda	6%	12	\$704	31	\$569	48	2%	38	\$562	21	\$433	37
Alpine	0%	47	NA	NA	NA	NA	0%	47	NA	NA	NA	NA
Amador	2%	40	\$390	5	\$294	4	4%	23	\$562	22	\$369	22
Butte	8%	5	\$467	13	\$314	8	6%	8	\$634	29	\$436	38
Calaveras	4%	31	\$360	3	\$325	11	15%	2	NA	NA	\$443	40
Colusa	4%	22	NA	NA	\$294	3	4%	25	\$507	17	\$382	25
Contra Costa	4%	20	\$749	35	\$553	47	3%	34	\$599	26	\$421	36
Del Norte	0%	47	NA	NA	\$225	1	3%	33	\$922	38	\$623	52
El Dorado	6%	9	\$440	8	\$407	30	5%	17	\$486	16	\$367	21
Fresno	5%	15	\$543	20	\$407	31	1%	45	\$322	2	\$326	13
Glenn	0%	47	NA	NA	\$350	18	5%	16	\$835	36	\$575	49
Humboldt	4%	24	\$456	10	\$372	23	3%	36	\$669	30	\$459	42
Imperial	6%	10	\$360	3	\$324	10	7%	7	\$901	37	\$608	50
Inyo	0%	47	NA	NA	\$405	29	6%	11	\$717	33	\$525	46
Kern	5%	18	\$461	12	\$333	15	4%	26	\$480	14	\$361	20
Kings	1%	46	\$450	9	\$297	5	0%	47	NA	NA	NA	NA
Lake	6%	13	\$524	19	\$418	34	2%	41	NA	NA	\$326	12
Lassen	0%	47	NA	NA	NA	NA	4%	27	NA	NA	\$417	33
Los Angeles	4%	29	\$595	24	\$461	43	2%	37	\$593	23	\$476	44
Madera	4%	30	\$319	1	\$300	6	7%	6	\$481	15	\$382	24
Marin	8%	4	\$745	34	\$622	51	2%	42	\$439	7	\$331	14
Mariposa	0%	47	NA	NA	\$260	2	1%	44	NA	NA	\$340	17
Mendocino	2%	39	NA	NA	\$398	27	0%	47	NA	NA	NA	NA
Merced	4%	32	NA	NA	\$333	16	1%	43	\$458	11	\$312	7
Modoc	0%	47	NA	NA	NA	NA	0%	47	NA	NA	\$350	18
Mono	17%	1	NA	NA	\$400	28	4%	28	\$598	25	\$415	32
Monterey	5%	14	\$621	27	\$443	41	9%	3	\$625	28	\$442	39
Napa	4%	19	\$391	6	\$419	35	0%	47	NA	NA	\$314	9
Nevada	3%	35	\$523	18	\$389	26						

Source: "The 1999 California Child Care Portfolio," California Child Care Resource and Referral Network, San Francisco, CA (Publication forthcoming). Note: NA =Not available.

# Child Support

percent cases with orders

	1996-1998 Avg. child support cases w/ order of support	1996-1998 Avg. %child support cases w/ order of support	1996-1998 Rank	1996 % child support cases w/ order of support	1997 % child support cases w/ order of support	1998 % child support cases w/ order of support		1996-1998 Avg. child support cases w/ order of support	1996-1998 Avg. %child support cases w/ order of support	1996-1998 Rank	1996 % child support cases w/ order of support	1997 % child support cases w/ order of support	1998 % child support cases w/ order of support
California	1,183,921	56.4%		48.1%	58.5%	64.5%	Orange	84,557	58.3%	36	51.1%	59.8%	64.0%
Alameda	52,241	86.5%	2	82.9%	88.9%	87.7%	Placer	4,998	35.0%	47	43.9%	36.2%	25.2%
Alpine	NR	NR	NR	78.2%	NR	NR	Plumas	757	NR	NR	54.0%	NR	NR
Amador	1,664	78.1%	10	75.2%	71.5%	87.2%	Riverside	78,228	56.1%	39	51.2%	56.6%	61.5%
Butte	10,730	49.6%	41	42.4%	51.1%	54.4%	Sacramento	37,869	46.4%	44	38.5%	49.6%	52.4%
Calaveras	2,080	63.1%	29	54.8%	62.0%	74.0%	San Benito	2,608	59.2%	35	53.9%	61.1%	62.6%
Colusa	994	64.8%	27	57.9%	56.3%	78.7%	San Bernardino	53,371	34.7%	48	25.2%	40.6%	39.5%
Contra Costa	40,813	60.3%	33	54.5%	63.8%	63.2%	San Diego	80,066	44.1%	46	29.1%	41.0%	63.9%
Del Norte	2,480	48.2%	42	70.0%	47.4%	32.3%	San Francisco	28,417	79.3%	8	78.4%	78.7%	80.8%
El Dorado	8,970	83.0%	5	77.7%	85.0%	86.7%	San Joaquin	32,296	68.8%	21	63.9%	71.5%	71.5%
Fresno	64,853	77.0%	13	70.9%	77.8%	82.5%	San Luis Obispo	NR	NR	NR	85.3%	NR	NR
Glenn	1,558	65.1%	26	69.8%	62.8%	62.5%	San Mateo	15,045	59.4%	34	51.1%	58.0%	71.8%
Humboldt	6,569	77.6%	11	76.3%	76.9%	79.4%	Santa Barbara	22,595	84.1%	4	76.2%	87.4%	89.0%
Imperial	8,219	78.6%	9	73.1%	81.4%	81.7%	Santa Clara	51,157	63.9%	28	55.9%	63.9%	73.6%
Inyo	NR	NR	NR	80.5%	NR	NR	Santa Cruz	5,569	57.8%	37	45.2%	65.5%	66.5%
Kern	47,765	75.1%	15	66.0%	78.1%	83.6%	Shasta	15,714	71.9%	17	76.5%	67.9%	71.9%
Kings	8,974	76.8%	14	73.7%	76.6%	80.5%	Sierra	159	88.3%	1	90.4%	87.8%	86.9%
Lake	NR	NR	NR	50.7%	NR	NR	Siskiyou	4,114	77.6%	12	75.5%	77.2%	80.3%
Lassen	1,438	66.6%	23	73.9%	71.6%	55.4%	Solano	18,025	63.0%	30	56.1%	63.9%	69.3%
Los Angeles	262,634	47.6%	43	34.7%	52.0%	59.7%	Sonoma	18,737	79.7%	7	75.4%	81.2%	82.8%
Madera	5,985	70.6%	18	68.3%	70.4%	72.9%	Stanislaus	27,910	73.9%	16	70.0%	75.1%	76.5%
Marin	3,843	84.7%	3	86.2%	84.3%	83.7%	Sutter	5,296	66.0%	24	62.1%	67.8%	68.5%
Mariposa	NR	NR	NR	61.5%	NR	NR	Tehama	4,475	69.8%	19	62.7%	72.3%	75.3%
Mendocino	NA	NA	NR	60.0%	NA	NA	Trinity	NR	NR	NR	54.2%	NR	NR
Merced	14,677	82.3%	6	81.7%	83.7%	81.4%	Tulare	29,600	62.5%	32	55.8%	61.8%	70.0%
Modoc	668	51.0%	40	54.7%	51.2%	47.0%	Tuolumne	3,345	65.3%	25	57.1%	65.0%	75.5%
Mono	NR	NR	NR	39.6%	NR	NR	Ventura	NA	NA	NA	60.3%	NA	NA
Monterey	15,335	57.3%	38	49.6%	60.8%	61.5%	Yolo	8,665	63.0%	31	64.7%	63.3%	61.0%
Napa	4,294	66.7%	22	64.9%	62.3%	72.2%	Yuba	6,430	44.3%	45	41.5%	46.8%	45.0%
Nevada	5,393	69.8%	20	66.7%	69.9%	72.9%							

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# Child Support

collection per cases with orders

	1996-1998 Avg. child support cases w/ order of support	1996-1998 Avg. collection per cases w/orders per month	1996-1998 Rank	1996 collections per cases w/orders per month	1997 collections per cases w/orders per month	1998 collections per cases w/orders per month	1996-1998 Avg. child support cases w/ order of support	1996-1998 Avg. collection per cases w/orders per month	1996-1998 Rank	1996 collections per cases w/orders per month	1997 collections per cases w/orders per month	1998 collections per cases w/orders per month
California	1,183,921	\$88										
Alameda	52,241	\$103	11	\$78	\$91	\$95	84,557	\$81	27	\$74	\$79	\$89
Alpine	NR	NR	NR	\$103	\$102	\$105	4,998	\$159	2	\$111	\$151	\$250
Amador	1,664	\$100	14	\$102	NR	NR	757	NR	NR	\$150	NR	NR
Butte	10,730	\$79	31	\$99	\$110	\$92	78,228	\$60	46	\$50	\$60	\$69
Calaveras	2,080	\$75	35	\$84	\$79	\$75	37,869	\$126	5	\$121	\$129	\$128
Colusa	994	\$83	25	\$70	\$77	\$79	2,608	\$74	37	\$69	\$75	\$76
Contra Costa	40,813	\$77	33	\$89	\$90	\$74	53,371	\$94	18	\$110	\$89	\$89
Del Norte	2,480	\$92	19	\$66	\$73	\$92	80,066	\$80	29	\$78	\$87	\$77
El Dorado	8,970	\$88	21	\$69	\$87	\$135	28,417	\$74	38	\$71	\$72	\$77
Fresno	64,853	\$75	36	\$82	\$88	\$94	32,296	\$81	26	\$71	\$84	\$89
Glenn	1,558	\$79	30	\$73	\$75	\$78	3,187	NR	NR	\$116	NR	NR
Humboldt	6,569	\$135	4	\$66	\$84	\$90	15,045	\$117	8	\$108	\$119	\$122
Imperial	8,219	\$104	10	\$130	\$146	\$129	22,595	\$68	45	\$64	\$69	\$70
Inyo	1,257	NR	NR	\$82	\$118	\$110	51,157	\$100	15	\$92	\$99	\$107
Kern	47,765	\$69	44	\$89	NR	NR	5,569	\$146	3	\$133	\$153	\$150
Kings	8,974	\$81	28	\$57	\$79	\$71	15,714	\$70	43	\$65	\$70	\$73
Lake	2,515	NR	NR	\$72	\$82	\$89	159	\$124	7	\$110	\$138	\$125
Lassen	1,438	\$102	13	\$83	NR	NR	4,114	\$85	23	\$73	\$85	\$97
Los Angeles	262,634	\$70	42	\$93	\$97	\$118	18,025	\$86	22	\$78	\$86	\$93
Madera	5,985	\$96	17	\$71	\$63	\$75	18,737	\$98	16	\$85	\$101	\$106
Marin	3,843	\$169	1	\$90	\$99	\$98	27,910	\$90	20	\$87	\$91	\$92
Mariposa	638	NR	NR	\$149	\$169	\$188	5,296	\$76	34	\$72	\$78	\$77
Mendocino	NA	NA	NA	\$113	NR	NR	4,475	\$72	40	\$72	\$66	\$78
Merced	14,677	\$105	9	\$104	NA	NA	688	NR	NR	\$66	NR	NR
Modoc	668	\$53	47	\$94	\$108	\$112	29,600	\$73	39	\$75	\$74	\$71
Mono	169	NR	NR	\$42	\$59	\$62	3,345	\$78	32	\$69	\$74	\$91
Monterey	15,335	\$103	12	\$133	NR	NR	NA	NA	NA	\$82	NA	NA
Napa	4,294	\$125	6	\$100	\$102	\$106	8,665	\$83	24	\$77	\$82	\$92
Nevada	5,393	\$71	41	\$115	\$150	\$115	6,430	\$42	48	\$40	\$42	\$42
				\$62	\$72	\$78						
Orange												
Placer												
Plumas												
Riverside												
Sacramento												
San Benito												
San Bernardino												
San Diego												
San Francisco												
San Joaquin												
San Luis Obispo												
San Mateo												
Santa Barbara												
Santa Clara												
Santa Cruz												
Shasta												
Sierra												
Siskiyou												
Solano												
Sonoma												
Stanislaus												
Sutter												
Tehama												
Trinity												
Tulare												
Tuolumne												
Ventura												
Yolo												
Yuba												

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# Median Yearly Income & Unemployment <sup>1998</sup>

	Yearly Income Dollars	Rank	Unemployment Rate	Rank	Yearly Income Dollars	Rank	Unemployment Rate	Rank
CALIFORNIA	\$38,979		5.9%		Orange	\$51,631	2.9%	3
Alameda	\$47,339	9	4.1%	10	Placer	\$49,496	4.1%	10
Alpine	\$30,206	43	9.5%	37	Plumas	\$32,610	10.1%	38
Amador	\$37,792	23	5.4%	16	Riverside	\$38,366	6.7%	23
Butte	\$29,927	46	8.3%	31	Sacramento	\$38,846	5.0%	15
Calaveras	\$34,663	31	8.8%	33	San Benito	\$42,119	10.4%	40
Colusa	\$29,716	48	20.8%	57	San Bernardino	\$37,874	5.6%	19
Contra Costa	\$56,247	3	3.6%	7	San Diego	\$39,479	3.5%	6
Del Norte	\$29,794	47	10.3%	39	San Francisco	\$40,131	3.7%	8
El Dorado	\$45,224	10	4.9%	14	San Joaquin	\$35,345	10.5%	41
Fresno	\$32,848	37	14.3%	53	San Luis Obispo	\$37,830	4.2%	12
Glenn	\$27,875	52	13.5%	51	San Mateo	\$54,023	2.4%	2
Humboldt	\$30,181	44	7.2%	24	Santa Barbara	\$39,108	4.4%	13
Imperial	\$23,537	58	25.7%	58	Santa Clara	\$56,708	3.2%	4
Inyo	\$32,057	40	7.3%	25	Santa Cruz	\$43,038	7.3%	25
Kern	\$34,119	33	12.1%	45	Shasta	\$32,612	9.1%	34
Kings	\$30,042	45	13.7%	52	Sierra	\$32,878	11.9%	44
Lake	\$27,007	54	9.3%	35	Siskiyou	\$28,019	12.6%	47
Lassen	\$36,079	27	9.3%	35	Solano	\$48,098	5.6%	19
Los Angeles	\$35,863	28	6.5%	22	Sonoma	\$43,484	3.3%	5
Madera	\$33,548	34	12.8%	48	Stanislaus	\$36,655	12.2%	46
Marin	\$56,471	2	2.3%	1	Sutter	\$34,614	15.7%	56
Mariposa	\$31,104	42	7.8%	27	Tehama	\$27,897	8.7%	32
Mendocino	\$31,882	41	7.9%	28	Trinity	\$26,687	13.0%	49
Merced	\$28,757	49	15.1%	54	Tulare	\$27,495	15.6%	55
Modoc	\$26,635	56	11.1%	43	Tuolumne	\$33,355	7.9%	28
Mono	\$34,863	30	8.1%	30	Ventura	\$49,780	5.6%	19
Monterey	\$36,534	26	10.8%	42	Yolo	\$37,763	5.4%	16
Napa	\$43,867	11	4.0%	9	Yuba	\$26,462	13.4%	50
Nevada	\$39,346	17	5.5%	18				

Yearly Income Source: "The 1999 California Child Care Portfolio," California Child Care Resource and Referral Network, San Francisco, CA (Publication forthcoming).  
Unemployment Source: California Employment Development Department, Labor Market Information Division.

# Low Income Children

Subsidized School Meals, 1997-1999

	1997-1999 Avg. school eligible	1997-1999 % children eligible	1997-99 Rank	1996-1997 % children eligible	1997-1998 % children eligible	1998-1999 % Children eligible	1997-1999 Avg. school eligible	1997-1999 % children eligible	1997-99 Rank	1996-1997 % children eligible	1997-1998 % children eligible	1998-1999 % Children eligible
CALIFORNIA	2,698,713	48.0%		47.6%	48.0%	48.3%						
Alameda	76,110	36.5%	21	37.9%	36.7%	35.1%			25	38.2%	37.7%	38.1%
Alpine	119	80.4%	58	80.5%	78.9%	81.8%			3	18.3%	19.1%	18.2%
Amador	1,352	28.2%	10	28.8%	28.1%	27.8%			24	38.0%	38.5%	35.7%
Butte	14,636	44.2%	29	44.6%	44.7%	43.3%			39	49.9%	50.5%	50.2%
Calaveras	2,194	33.0%	17	34.9%	33.7%	30.4%			31	45.1%	44.9%	46.4%
Colusa	2,552	61.3%	53	57.3%	62.1%	64.3%			16	35.1%	31.7%	30.4%
Contra Costa	41,996	28.2%	9	27.6%	28.7%	28.3%			40	49.8%	50.0%	51.2%
Del Norte	2,432	47.3%	36	46.3%	47.8%	47.8%			32	47.2%	46.2%	45.1%
El Dorado	6,626	23.7%	5	23.9%	24.3%	23.0%			49	52.2%	62.4%	57.5%
Fresno	105,414	60.7%	52	60.9%	60.1%	61.2%			38	51.0%	50.1%	48.2%
Glenn	3,365	57.2%	48	55.5%	58.5%	57.6%			14	31.6%	32.3%	32.0%
Humboldt	7,564	38.6%	26	39.2%	38.9%	37.2%			7	28.0%	28.5%	24.8%
Imperial	21,479	67.6%	56	66.8%	68.9%	67.1%			27	41.0%	40.6%	40.7%
Inyo	1,011	29.7%	11	30.1%	29.4%	29.5%			12	30.8%	30.6%	30.8%
Kern	73,040	52.3%	43	44.9%	55.1%	56.7%			23	37.7%	37.2%	36.2%
Kings	13,025	54.1%	44	53.7%	53.9%	54.7%			30	44.2%	44.4%	44.2%
Lake	5,547	55.6%	47	53.8%	57.1%	55.8%			2	39.2%	18.7%	6.4%
Lassen	1,981	36.6%	22	36.1%	37.1%	36.5%			35	44.7%	46.8%	50.5%
Los Angeles	942,368	60.3%	51	59.7%	59.7%	61.4%			8	20.1%	30.9%	31.6%
Madera	13,873	59.7%	50	56.6%	60.2%	62.2%			6	27.1%	26.0%	27.3%
Marin	3,644	13.4%	1	13.3%	13.6%	13.4%			33	45.8%	46.2%	47.5%
Mariposa	898	32.3%	15	28.6%	32.3%	35.9%			34	46.9%	46.8%	46.3%
Mendocino	7,354	47.4%	37	47.5%	45.5%	49.1%			41	51.9%	50.6%	49.1%
Merced	33,895	70.6%	57	66.9%	74.2%	70.7%			46	54.9%	54.3%	57.2%
Modoc	1,129	52.1%	42	52.3%	53.5%	50.4%			54	61.2%	62.0%	63.0%
Mono	591	31.0%	13	28.8%	33.6%	30.7%			19	34.7%	35.0%	35.6%
Monterey	36,235	54.7%	45	54.8%	55.2%	54.3%			20	35.8%	36.4%	35.9%
Napa	6,232	33.3%	18	32.6%	33.6%	33.7%			28	42.0%	45.2%	41.2%
Nevada	2,902	21.7%	4	22.6%	21.6%	20.9%			55	66.7%	67.1%	65.4%
Orange	170,934	38.0%										
Placer	8,973	18.5%										
Plumas	1,347	37.4%										
Riverside	141,611	50.2%										
Sacramento	91,202	45.5%										
San Benito	3,316	32.3%										
San Bernardino	175,639	50.3%										
San Diego	209,503	46.1%										
San Francisco	34,904	57.4%										
San Joaquin	53,761	49.8%										
San Luis Obispo	11,469	32.0%										
San Mateo	24,744	27.1%										
Santa Barbara	25,385	40.8%										
Santa Clara	76,212	30.7%										
Santa Cruz	14,469	37.0%										
Shasta	13,309	44.3%										
Sierra	271	15.1%										
Siskiyou	3,790	47.2%										
Solano	19,162	27.6%										
Sonoma	18,588	26.8%										
Stanislaus	40,122	46.5%										
Sutter	7,129	46.7%										
Tehama	5,548	50.5%										
Trinity	1,291	55.4%										
Tulare	47,339	62.0%										
Tuolumne	2,858	35.1%										
Ventura	46,657	36.0%										
Yolo	11,103	42.8%										
Yuba	8,511	66.4%										

Source: California Department of Education. Prepared by California Food Policy Advocates. Note: A child is eligible for subsidized school meals if his or her parent's income is below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level.

# Late or No Prenatal Care <sup>1995-1997</sup>

	1995-1997				1995-1997				1995-1997			
	Avg. # of Mothers receiving late or no prenatal care	1995-1997 Avg. rate	Rank	1995 Rate	1996 Rate	1997 Rate	Avg. # of Mothers receiving late or no prenatal care	1995-1997 Avg. rate	Rank	1995 Rate	1996 Rate	1997 Rate
CALIFORNIA	21,557	4.0%		4.6%	3.8%	3.7%						
Alameda	431	2.1%	2	2.3%	1.8%	2.1%						
Alpine	1	7.1%	NR	18.2%	0.0%	0.0%						
Amador	6	2.1%	NR	2.4%	2.4%	1.5%						
Butte	128	5.3%	29	5.4%	4.8%	5.8%						
Calaveras	11	3.3%	NR	4.5%	1.9%	3.4%						
Colusa	22	7.0%	42	7.9%	8.3%	4.9%						
Contra Costa	412	3.3%	17	3.9%	3.3%	2.8%						
Del Norte	14	4.4%	24	6.8%	3.3%	3.4%						
El Dorado	50	2.9%	9	3.0%	2.7%	3.2%						
Fresno	494	3.4%	18	3.2%	3.3%	3.7%						
Glenn	23	5.3%	28	7.2%	5.2%	3.3%						
Humboldt	88	5.8%	36	7.2%	5.2%	4.8%						
Imperial	202	8.1%	45	7.9%	8.4%	7.9%						
Inyo	18	8.3%	46	9.5%	9.0%	5.8%						
Kern	638	5.5%	32	7.0%	5.1%	4.3%						
Kings	88	4.1%	21	5.4%	3.9%	2.8%						
Lake	54	9.0%	48	11.0%	8.4%	7.1%						
Lassen	15	4.9%	25	7.7%	3.7%	3.4%						
Los Angeles	5,336	3.2%	14	3.6%	3.0%	3.0%						
Madera	99	4.9%	26	6.5%	4.1%	4.3%						
Marin	67	2.6%	6	2.8%	2.8%	2.1%						
Mariposa	6	4.3%	NR	5.3%	3.2%	4.4%						
Mendocino	105	9.9%	49	14.6%	7.2%	7.4%						
Merced	242	6.4%	40	6.1%	5.9%	7.1%						
Modoc	6	5.4%	NR	7.4%	4.4%	4.1%						
Mono	7	5.6%	NR	7.4%	2.5%	6.8%						
Monterey	369	5.5%	31	7.0%	5.3%	4.2%						
Napa	55	3.7%	20	4.3%	4.2%	2.6%						
Nevada	24	3.0%	10	2.8%	3.5%	2.6%						
Orange	1,540	3.2%	15	3.4%	3.2%	3.0%						
Placer	76	2.8%	7	3.1%	3.0%	2.1%						
Plumas	7	4.2%	NR	5.4%	5.4%	1.9%						
Riverside	1,414	6.0%	39	6.7%	5.7%	5.5%						
Sacramento	1,022	5.7%	35	6.9%	5.2%	4.9%						
San Benito	18	2.2%	5	2.3%	2.6%	1.8%						
San Bernardino	1,641	5.6%	34	6.7%	5.2%	4.9%						
San Diego	2,633	5.9%	38	6.6%	5.5%	5.6%						
San Francisco	256	3.1%	11	3.6%	2.5%	3.0%						
San Joaquin	492	5.6%	33	5.7%	5.4%	5.6%						
San Luis Obispo	106	4.2%	23	5.0%	4.1%	3.3%						
San Mateo	309	3.1%	12	3.2%	2.8%	3.2%						
Santa Barbara	240	4.1%	22	4.6%	4.1%	3.6%						
Santa Clara	817	3.1%	13	3.7%	3.0%	2.6%						
Santa Cruz	114	3.3%	16	3.9%	3.6%	2.3%						
Shasta	59	2.9%	8	3.8%	2.4%	2.5%						
Sierra	1	3.9%	NR	4.3%	0.0%	8.3%						
Siskiyou	28	5.8%	37	7.5%	5.8%	3.8%						
Solano	407	7.2%	44	8.6%	7.0%	5.9%						
Sonoma	116	2.1%	4	2.5%	1.9%	2.0%						
Stanislaus	250	3.5%	19	4.1%	3.1%	3.4%						
Sutter	79	6.7%	41	7.3%	6.0%	6.9%						
Tehama	34	5.1%	27	5.4%	5.1%	4.8%						
Trinity	3	2.4%	NR	3.3%	1.4%	3.0%						
Tulare	387	5.5%	30	5.6%	5.5%	5.2%						
Tuolumne	10	2.1%	3	2.6%	2.2%	1.5%						
Ventura	237	2.0%	1	2.5%	1.7%	1.8%						
Yolo	154	7.1%	43	9.0%	6.3%	6.1%						
Yuba	198	8.5%	47	8.6%	8.1%	8.9%						

Source: California Department of Health Services, Center for Health Statistics. Note: Percentage refers to percentage of infants born to women who received no prenatal care during pregnancy, or only received care during the last trimester. NR =Not ranked; numbers too small to be statistically significant.

Source: California Department of Health Services, Center for Health Statistics. Note: Percentage refers to percentage of live births with birthweights less than 2,500 grams (5.5 lbs). NR = Not ranked; numbers too small to be statistically significant.

# Infant Mortality

1995-1997

	1995-1997 Avg. # of infant deaths	1995-1997 Avg. rate	Rank	1995 Rate	1996 Rate	1997 Rate	1995-1997 Avg. # of infant deaths	1995-1997 Avg. rate	Rank	1995 Rate	1996 Rate	1997 Rate
CALIFORNIA	3,252	6.0		6.3	5.9	5.9	231	4.8	8	5.6	4.4	4.4
Alameda	121	5.8	16	5.4	6.0	6.0	13	4.9	9	6.3	6.2	1.9
Alpine	0	0.0	NR	0.0	0.0	0.0	1	6.4	NR	6.0	13.5	0.0
Amador	0	1.2	NR	0.0	3.5	0.0	154	6.5	23	7.1	6.4	6.0
Butte	19	8.0	35	10.3	6.9	6.7	125	7.0	26	7.0	6.9	7.0
Calaveras	2	5.8	NR	13.1	3.1	0.0	4	5.2	NR	3.8	5.0	6.8
Colusa	2	6.5	NR	6.3	6.6	6.5	225	7.7	33	7.7	7.1	8.3
Contra Costa	69	5.6	14	6.0	5.5	5.1	235	5.3	12	4.9	5.4	5.5
Del Norte	4	11.4	NR	16.1	3.0	15.4	38	4.5	5	4.3	4.8	4.5
El Dorado	6	3.8	NR	3.5	6.0	1.8	63	7.1	29	6.4	7.6	7.2
Fresno	119	8.2	36	8.3	7.9	8.4	12	4.7	6	3.8	4.4	6.0
Glenn	2	3.8	NR	2.3	2.3	7.0	47	4.7	7	5.1	4.0	5.1
Humboldt	9	5.9	18	8.9	4.7	4.1	29	4.9	11	6.7	3.7	4.5
Imperial	10	4.0	2	4.9	4.4	2.5	140	5.3	13	5.2	5.1	5.6
Inyo	2	7.7	NR	4.1	9.0	10.5	17	4.9	10	3.7	6.1	4.8
Kern	106	9.2	37	10.9	9.8	6.7	14	7.1	28	6.9	5.9	8.5
Kings	17	7.9	34	6.1	11.5	5.8	0	0.0	NR	0.0	0.0	0.0
Lake	4	6.6	NR	3.0	6.9	10.6	4	7.6	NR	10.2	5.6	7.1
Lassen	2	5.4	NR	10.1	3.4	3.0	35	6.2	22	5.1	7.1	6.4
Los Angeles	1,042	6.2	21	6.7	5.9	5.9	23	4.2	3	4.4	4.2	4.1
Madera	12	5.8	17	7.0	6.5	4.0	47	6.6	24	5.9	6.8	7.1
Marin	9	3.5	1	2.7	3.4	4.5	8	6.8	25	6.0	7.9	6.6
Mariposa	0	2.3	NR	6.6	0.0	0.0	4	5.4	NR	6.9	3.0	6.4
Mendocino	8	7.6	32	8.0	9.8	4.9	1	5.4	NR	8.1	6.9	0.0
Merced	28	7.5	31	8.2	7.2	6.9	42	6.0	20	5.7	6.1	6.1
Modoc	1	12.0	NR	8.2	17.5	10.2	4	7.7	NR	2.0	13.0	8.6
Mono	0	0.0	NR	0.0	0.0	0.0	69	5.9	19	5.4	5.0	7.5
Monterey	38	5.6	15	5.7	5.3	5.8	15	7.0	27	5.0	9.7	6.2
Napa	7	4.5	4	5.5	4.6	3.3	8	7.2	30	8.4	4.6	8.6
Nevada	5	6.2	NR	3.6	11.3	3.8						

Source: California Department of Health Services, Center for Health Statistics. Note: Rate refers to the number of infants who died in their first year of life per 1,000 live births. NR = Not ranked; numbers too small to be statistically significant.

# Teen Births

1995-1997

	1995-1997			1995-1997			1995-1997		
	Avg. # of births to teens	Avg. rate	Rank	Rate	1996 Rate	1997 Rate	Avg. # of births to teens	Avg. rate	Rank
CALIFORNIA	63,204	61.8		56.7	61.6	56.7	4,153	55.0	27
Alameda	1,866	47.4	20	43.1	46.7	43.1	235	31.5	5
Alpine	2	51.7	NR	24.4	26.3	24.4	23	30.3	NR
Amador	36	36.6	8	34.7	37.0	34.7	3,305	69.9	41
Butte	376	59.2	34	51.7	62.4	51.7	2,197	59.1	33
Calaveras	46	35.5	6	28.2	37.1	28.2	115	67.3	40
Colusa	44	59.0	32	52.3	54.4	52.3	4,310	74.0	44
Contra Costa	1,073	38.6	12	36.7	39.2	36.7	4,653	57.0	29
Del Norte	60	62.5	37	61.3	57.2	61.3	603	37.1	9
El Dorado	160	31.2	4	29.0	29.1	29.0	1,383	71.6	43
Fresno	2,562	87.9	49	83.9	85.7	83.9	255	29.7	3
Glenn	64	58.6	30	57.1	56.6	57.1	699	37.4	10
Humboldt	200	46.2	17	40.9	45.2	40.9	715	55.1	28
Imperial	390	62.5	38	60.5	63.4	60.5	2,161	46.7	19
Inyo	34	53.2	24	52.4	57.9	52.4	373	46.5	18
Kern	2,009	88.1	50	81.5	85.8	81.5	317	54.3	25
Kings	379	91.5	51	87.1	91.1	87.1	2	14.9	NR
Lake	108	59.5	35	53.1	64.2	53.1	77	45.8	16
Lassen	50	51.1	23	37.8	49.1	37.8	679	51.0	22
Los Angeles	20,033	70.5	42	64.1	70.3	64.1	521	39.0	13
Madera	384	87.2	48	85.8	83.7	85.8	1,064	66.3	39
Marin	108	19.0	1	19.0	21.1	19.0	154	58.7	31
Mariposa	17	34.8	NR	38.5	22.4	38.5	118	59.5	36
Mendocino	169	55.0	26	44.2	53.9	44.2	18	37.8	11
Merced	687	85.9	47	74.8	84.4	74.8	1,350	91.8	52
Modoc	21	52.3	NR	56.1	63.1	56.1	70	41.5	15
Mono	11	36.8	NR	45.2	30.9	45.2	1,170	48.4	21
Monterey	920	80.9	45	77.3	80.1	77.3	247	36.4	7
Napa	149	40.9	14	33.4	43.2	33.4	192	84.8	46
Nevada	87	28.4	2	28.1	27.7	28.1			
Orange									
Placer									
Plumas									
Riverside									
Sacramento									
San Benito									
San Bernardino									
San Diego									
San Francisco									
San Joaquin									
San Luis Obispo									
San Mateo									
Santa Barbara									
Santa Clara									
Santa Cruz									
Shasta									
Sierra									
Siskiyou									
Solano									
Sonoma									
Stanislaus									
Sutter									
Tehama									
Trinity									
Tulare									
Tuolumne									
Ventura									
Yolo									
Yuba									

Source: California Department of Health Services, Center for Health Statistics. Note: Rate refers to the number of births to teens ages 15-19 per 1,000 females of that age group.



# Breastfeeding

Percent of mothers who initiate exclusive breastfeeding, 1997

	1997 % of mothers exclusively breastfeeding	Rank 1997	1997 Total breastfeeding rate	Rank 1997	1997 % of mothers exclusively breastfeeding	Rank 1997	1997 Total breastfeeding rate	Rank 1997
CALIFORNIA	43%		78%					
Alameda	66%	19	81%	36				50
Alpine	33%	50	78%	40				14
Amador	76%	9	90%	7				6
Butte	59%	32	82%	33				44
Calaveras	59%	32	84%	28				32
Colusa	38%	43	78%	40				46
Contra Costa	63%	21	85%	23				48
Del Norte	69%	16	84%	28				28
El Dorado	61%	28	87%	15				25
Fresno	37%	44	73%	50				41
Glenn	49%	38	82%	33				4
Humboldt	77%	6	87%	15				9
Imperial	18%	58	73%	50				30
Inyo	63%	21	90%	7				35
Kern	28%	53	72%	53				25
Kings	21%	57	69%	56				5
Lake	63%	21	81%	36				18
Lassen	68%	17	91%	5				79%
Los Angeles	28%	53	75%	46				67%
Madera	34%	48	75%	46				73%
Marin	88%	1	93%	1				60%
Mariposa	51%	37	87%	15				30
Mendocino	64%	20	85%	23				11
Merced	24%	56	70%	55				60%
Modoc	77%	6	90%	7				73%
Mono	35%	46	73%	50				30
Monterey	62%	25	89%	10				11
Napa	73%	11	88%	14				39
Nevada	85%	2	92%	2				42
Orange								35
Placer								3
Plumas								83%
Riverside								89%
Sacramento								81%
San Benito								89%
San Bernardino								10
San Diego								36
San Francisco								87%
San Joaquin								87%
San Luis Obispo								75%
San Mateo								75%
Santa Barbara								74%
Santa Clara								77%
Santa Cruz								89%
Shasta								86%
Sierra								92%
Siskiyou								86%
Solano								92%
Sonoma								86%
Stanislaus								77%
Sutter								89%
Tehama								49
Trinity								42
Tulare								36
Tuolumne								10
Ventura								46
Yolo								23
Yuba								23

Source: Maternal and Child Health Branch, using data from Genetic Disease Branch, New Born Screening Test. Note: 1) The total breastfeeding rate includes mothers breastfeeding exclusively and mothers supplementing breastfeeding with formula. 2) Data is self-reporting. Before discharge, mothers were asked if they intended to breastfeed only (exclusively), to use formula only, or to supplement breastfeeding with formula.

# Head Start

Percent of eligible 3-4 year olds enrolled in Head Start, 1997

	1997 % served	1997 Rank		1997 % served	1997 Rank
CALIFORNIA	NA		Orange	47.7%	28
Alameda	42.9%	39	Placer	47.9%	26
Alpine	NA	NA	Plumas	44.4%	36
Amador	62.5%	12	Riverside	39.9%	48
Butte	40.1%	47	Sacramento	56.9%	14
Calaveras	100.0%	1	San Benito	89.3%	6
Colusa	100.0%	1	San Bernardino	41.9%	42
Contra Costa	52.1%	21	San Diego	52.0%	22
Del Norte	39.7%	49	San Francisco	48.3%	25
El Dorado	78.4%	7	San Joaquin	55.3%	18
Fresno	32.1%	56	San Luis Obispo	47.8%	27
Glenn	67.9%	10	San Mateo	46.5%	31
Humboldt	45.1%	33	Santa Barbara	42.3%	40
Imperial	38.2%	51	Santa Clara	44.9%	34
Inyo	54.1%	19	Santa Cruz	53.1%	20
Kern	35.6%	54	Shasta	38.0%	52
Kings	40.5%	46	Sierra	100.0%	1
Lake	43.8%	37	Siskiyou	34.2%	55
Lassen	55.6%	17	Solano	47.2%	29
Los Angeles	40.7%	45	Sonoma	49.2%	24
Madera	36.6%	53	Stanislaus	43.8%	37
Marin	56.8%	15	Sutter	39.2%	50
Mariposa	100.0%	1	Tehama	56.5%	16
Mendocino	40.9%	44	Trinity	57.1%	13
Merced	41.9%	41	Tulare	44.5%	35
Modoc	71.4%	9	Tuolumne	76.2%	8
Mono	93.2%	5	Ventura	45.2%	32
Monterey	50.6%	23	Yolo	41.5%	43
Napa	66.9%	11	Yuba	27.6%	57
Nevada	46.8%	30			

Source: Fiscal Year 1997 Biennial Report to Congress on the Status of Children in Head Start, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Head Start Bureau. Note: 1) Percent refers to percent of children served (enrolled) out of all eligible. Children ages 3 and 4 and in families that meet the federal poverty guidelines are eligible for Head Start services. In 1997, the federal poverty guidelines for a family of four was an annual income of 16,050 or less. 2) NA =Not available.

# Average Class Size

October 1996 - October 1998

	1996-1998 Avg. class size	Rank	1996 Avg. class size	1997 Avg. class size	1998 Avg. class size	1996-1998 Avg. class size	Rank	1996 Avg. class size	1997 Avg. class size	1998 Avg. class size
CALIFORNIA	27.9		29.1	27.4	27.2					
Alameda	27.5	46	28.6	26.9	27.0					
Alpine	15.3	1	15.7	13.9	16.4					
Amador	25.0	17	26.0	25.0	23.9					
Butte	26.7	32	27.5	26.5	26.2					
Calaveras	25.0	18	25.3	23.7	26.0					
Colusa	21.0	6	21.6	20.7	20.8					
Contra Costa	28.3	53	29.6	27.9	27.5					
Del Norte	26.8	34	27.8	26.2	26.4					
El Dorado	27.6	49	29.1	27.0	26.6					
Fresno	26.7	31	27.9	26.1	26.2					
Glenn	23.1	9	24.2	22.7	22.4					
Humboldt	24.4	15	25.0	24.3	23.9					
Imperial	26.3	26	27.3	26.1	25.6					
Inyo	21.0	5	22.8	20.7	19.4					
Kern	26.6	28	28.0	26.1	25.8					
Kings	26.2	23	27.2	25.9	25.4					
Lake	24.2	14	24.6	23.8	24.1					
Lassen	23.1	10	23.6	22.5	23.3					
Los Angeles	28.5	54	29.9	28.0	27.5					
Madera	27.4	41	28.5	26.9	26.7					
Marin	25.2	20	26.1	24.7	24.8					
Mariposa	23.3	12	24.6	21.9	23.4					
Mendocino	23.5	13	24.3	23.4	22.8					
Merced	26.6	28	27.4	26.4	26.1					
Modoc	19.2	3	19.7	19.4	18.4					
Mono	20.1	4	20.7	20.4	19.2					
Monterey	27.1	36	28.4	26.6	26.2					
Napa	27.4	41	28.4	27.0	26.7					
Nevada	26.7	32	27.3	26.1	26.8					
Orange		57				29.3				
Placer		39				27.3				
Plumas		11				23.2				
Riverside		58				29.3				
Sacramento		44				27.4				
San Benito		43				27.4				
San Bernardino		56				29.0				
San Diego		52				28.2				
San Francisco		21				25.3				
San Joaquin		45				27.5				
San Luis Obispo		24				26.2				
San Mateo		37				27.2				
Santa Barbara		25				26.3				
Santa Clara		48				27.6				
Santa Cruz		51				28.1				
Shasta		27				26.5				
Sierra		2				16.4				
Siskiyou		7				21.5				
Solano		46				27.5				
Sonoma		30				26.7				
Stanislaus		55				28.6				
Sutter		22				26.1				
Tehama		18				25.0				
Trinity		8				22.1				
Tulare		39				27.3				
Tuolumne		16				24.8				
Ventura		50				27.9				
Yolo		35				27.0				
Yuba		37				27.2				

Source: California Department of Education, Education Demographics Unit

# Per Pupil Expenditure

1996-1998

	1996-1998 Avg. per pupil expenditure	1996-1998 Rank	1995-1996 Per pupil expenditure	1996-1997 Per pupil expenditure	1997-1998 Per pupil expenditure	1996-1998 Avg. per pupil expenditure	1996-1998 Rank	1995-1996 Per pupil expenditure	1996-1997 Per pupil expenditure	1997-1998 Per pupil expenditure
CALIFORNIA	\$4,598									
Alameda	\$4,828	15	\$4,287	\$4,570	\$4,938	Orange	50	\$4,060	\$4,358	\$4,700
Alpine	\$10,687	1	\$8,818	\$9,991	\$13,252	Placer	57	\$3,962	\$4,256	\$4,517
Amador	\$4,076	58	\$3,646	\$4,194	\$4,388	Plumas	12	\$4,629	\$4,940	\$5,559
Butte	\$4,443	45	\$4,033	\$4,439	\$4,857	Riverside	52	\$4,059	\$4,328	\$4,665
Calaveras	\$4,418	48	\$3,784	\$4,215	\$5,253	Sacramento	34	\$4,256	\$4,516	\$4,970
Colusa	\$4,652	25	\$4,245	\$4,782	\$4,930	San Benito	46	\$4,140	\$4,408	\$4,735
Contra Costa	\$4,549	37	\$4,193	\$4,522	\$4,932	San Bernardino	47	\$4,086	\$4,368	\$4,810
Del Norte	\$4,974	13	\$4,480	\$4,782	\$5,660	San Diego	21	\$4,383	\$4,695	\$5,052
El Dorado	\$4,463	42	\$4,120	\$4,528	\$4,742	San Francisco	8	\$4,839	\$5,403	\$5,698
Fresno	\$4,604	28	\$4,263	\$4,612	\$4,936	San Joaquin	38	\$4,197	\$4,550	\$4,877
Glenn	\$4,658	24	\$4,266	\$4,702	\$5,007	San Luis Obispo	23	\$4,315	\$4,735	\$4,953
Humboldt	\$4,717	20	\$4,298	\$4,745	\$5,108	San Mateo	19	\$4,444	\$4,686	\$5,058
Imperial	\$4,515	41	\$4,213	\$4,498	\$4,835	Santa Barbara	40	\$4,153	\$4,495	\$4,934
Inyo	\$5,725	4	\$5,423	\$5,654	\$6,097	Santa Clara	16	\$4,442	\$4,747	\$5,169
Kern	\$4,575	35	\$4,212	\$4,598	\$4,914	Santa Cruz	27	\$4,267	\$4,633	\$4,927
Kings	\$4,574	36	\$4,221	\$4,556	\$4,944	Shasta	32	\$4,144	\$4,629	\$4,994
Lake	\$4,737	18	\$4,291	\$4,778	\$5,143	Sierra	11	\$6,018	\$6,477	\$2,702
Lassen	\$4,896	14	\$4,551	\$4,835	\$5,303	Siskiyou	9	\$4,778	\$5,020	\$5,720
Los Angeles	\$4,683	22	\$4,428	\$4,626	\$4,996	Solano	49	\$4,098	\$4,379	\$4,671
Madera	\$4,532	39	\$4,143	\$4,572	\$4,880	Sonoma	31	\$4,161	\$4,621	\$4,991
Marin	\$5,692	5	\$5,338	\$5,746	\$5,991	Stanislaus	56	\$3,955	\$4,246	\$4,627
Mariposa	\$5,136	10	\$4,799	\$4,959	\$5,650	Sutter	55	\$4,057	\$4,345	\$4,578
Mendocino	\$5,415	7	\$4,972	\$5,461	\$5,811	Tehama	26	\$4,234	\$4,648	\$5,044
Merced	\$4,455	43	\$4,174	\$4,441	\$4,751	Trinity	2	\$5,636	\$6,113	\$6,667
Modoc	\$5,601	6	\$5,405	\$5,471	\$5,926	Tulare	53	\$4,036	\$4,307	\$4,702
Mono	\$5,855	3	\$5,269	\$6,053	\$6,243	Tuolumne	17	\$4,256	\$4,739	\$5,225
Monterey	\$4,595	30	\$4,365	\$4,529	\$4,892	Ventura	54	\$3,993	\$4,346	\$4,678
Napa	\$4,362	51	\$3,937	\$4,454	\$4,695	Yolo	44	\$4,089	\$4,474	\$4,773
Nevada	\$4,600	29	\$4,187	\$4,594	\$5,018	Yuba	33	\$4,140	\$4,524	\$5,080

Source: California Department of Education, Education Demographics Unit

# Limited English Proficiency

Percent students with limited English proficiency (LEP), 1996-1998

	1996-1998 Avg. # students w/ limited English proficiency	1996- 1998 Avg. %	1996 % students w/ limited English proficiency	1997 % students w/ limited English proficiency	1998 % students w/ limited English proficiency	1996-1998 Avg. # students w/ limited English proficiency	1996- 1998 Avg. %	1996 % students w/ limited English proficiency	1997 % students w/ limited English proficiency	1998 % students w/ limited English proficiency
CALIFORNIA	1,370,442	24.5%	24.2%	24.6%	24.6%	133,099	30.1%	29.9%	30.3%	30.1%
Alameda	37,794	18.4%	17.8%	18.5%	19.0%	1,700	3.6%	3.5%	3.7%	3.7%
Alpine	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	58	1.6%	1.4%	1.6%	1.8%
Amador	45	0.9%	0.8%	1.0%	1.0%	52,549	19.0%	18.7%	19.0%	19.1%
Butte	3,607	10.3%	10.0%	10.5%	10.4%	33,393	16.7%	16.0%	17.1%	16.9%
Calaveras	49	0.7%	0.6%	0.7%	0.8%	1,727	17.2%	18.2%	17.4%	16.2%
Colusa	1,376	32.4%	29.7%	31.3%	36.0%	54,211	15.6%	15.2%	15.7%	16.0%
Contra Costa	14,569	9.9%	9.3%	9.9%	10.5%	97,275	21.6%	21.1%	21.7%	22.1%
Del Norte	298	5.6%	5.3%	6.4%	5.0%	19,144	30.7%	29.7%	31.7%	30.8%
El Dorado	1,303	4.5%	4.4%	4.6%	4.5%	23,541	21.7%	22.1%	21.8%	21.2%
Fresno	46,931	27.1%	27.2%	27.2%	27.0%	2,832	7.9%	7.5%	7.9%	8.3%
Glenn	1,086	17.5%	16.7%	17.6%	18.3%	19,195	21.0%	20.7%	20.7%	21.5%
Humboldt	650	3.0%	2.9%	2.9%	3.0%	16,198	26.2%	25.1%	26.3%	27.1%
Imperial	15,284	47.3%	48.0%	47.7%	46.2%	55,328	22.3%	22.2%	22.6%	22.2%
Inyo	213	6.1%	5.9%	5.9%	6.3%	10,362	26.5%	26.3%	26.6%	26.6%
Kern	25,275	18.1%	17.6%	18.2%	18.6%	923	3.0%	3.1%	3.0%	3.0%
Kings	3,923	16.1%	16.1%	16.2%	16.0%	1	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Lake	399	3.9%	3.5%	3.9%	4.4%	149	1.8%	1.5%	1.7%	2.2%
Lassen	90	1.6%	1.6%	1.7%	1.6%	5,957	8.6%	8.5%	8.7%	8.7%
Los Angeles	553,325	35.8%	35.9%	36.0%	35.5%	8,085	11.6%	10.7%	11.7%	12.3%
Madera	6,070	25.5%	25.1%	25.4%	25.9%	16,438	18.2%	17.9%	18.2%	18.4%
Marin	2,607	9.4%	8.9%	9.7%	9.5%	2,873	18.8%	19.0%	19.6%	17.8%
Mariposa	7	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%	0.1%	896	8.1%	6.6%	9.4%	8.3%
Mendocino	1,794	11.3%	10.8%	11.3%	11.7%	3	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%
Merced	15,727	32.6%	33.2%	32.8%	31.8%	20,562	24.7%	23.6%	24.8%	25.6%
Modoc	288	12.5%	12.1%	13.1%	12.1%	50	0.6%	0.5%	0.6%	0.7%
Mono	203	10.6%	8.3%	10.5%	12.8%	26,297	20.6%	20.6%	20.6%	20.6%
Monterey	22,608	34.2%	33.8%	33.9%	34.8%	5,393	20.9%	20.2%	20.7%	21.7%
Napa	3,481	18.6%	17.6%	18.5%	19.8%	3,132	23.2%	23.2%	23.2%	23.1%
Nevada	66	0.5%	0.4%	0.5%	0.5%					
Orange										
Placer										
Plumas										
Riverside										
Sacramento										
San Benito										
San Bernardino										
San Diego										
San Francisco										
San Joaquin										
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Stanislaus										
Sutter										
Tehama										
Trinity										
Tulare										
Tuolumne										
Ventura										
Yolo										
Yuba										

Source: California Department of Education, Education Demographics Unit. Note: Percentage refers to the percentage of public school students (K-12) who were designated by the school as having limited proficiency in English.

# Reading

Percent of 3rd graders reading at or above national average, 1998-1999

	1999 % 3rd Graders reading at/or above national average	Rank 1998	1999 % 3rd Graders reading at/or above national average	1998 % 3rd Graders reading at/or above national average	1999 % 3rd Graders reading at/or above national average	Rank 1998	1999 % 3rd Graders reading at/or above national average	1998 % 3rd Graders reading at/or above national average
CALIFORNIA	53		53	47				
Alameda	56	22	56	49				
Alpine	63	11	63	44				
Amador	54	27	54	57				
Butte	47	39	47	45				
Calaveras	53	31	53	51				
Colusa	53	31	53	39				
Contra Costa	62	15	62	57				
Del Norte	38	56	38	50				
El Dorado	67	6	67	62				
Fresno	45	46	45	42				
Glenn	42	51	42	45				
Humboldt	55	25	55	54				
Imperial	47	39	47	36				
Inyo	54	27	54	50				
Kern	44	48	44	37				
Kings	42	51	42	38				
Lake	43	50	43	38				
Lassen	54	27	54	51				
Los Angeles	47	39	47	41				
Madera	44	48	44	37				
Marin	81	1	81	78				
Mariposa	57	20	57	58				
Mendocino	47	39	47	42				
Merced	35	58	35	31				
Modoc	46	44	46	44				
Mono	59	19	59	59				
Monterey	48	37	48	40				
Napa	63	11	63	64				
Nevada	68	3	68	62				
Orange					65	7	65	60
Placer					68	3	68	65
Plumas					65	7	65	56
Riverside					42	51	42	38
Sacramento					55	25	55	45
San Benito					53	31	53	42
San Bernardino					41	54	41	35
San Diego					63	11	63	54
San Francisco					53	31	53	47
San Joaquin					41	54	41	38
San Luis Obispo					68	3	68	60
San Mateo					63	11	63	57
Santa Barbara					60	18	60	54
Santa Clara					65	7	65	63
Santa Cruz					62	15	62	58
Shasta					49	36	49	47
Sierra					69	2	69	54
Siskiyou					56	22	56	48
Solano					53	31	53	48
Sonoma					65	7	65	60
Stanislaus					47	39	47	43
Sutter					45	46	45	41
Tehama					48	37	48	43
Trinity					57	20	57	48
Tulare					36	57	36	29
Tuolumne					56	22	56	55
Ventura					62	15	62	55
Yolo					54	27	54	54
Yuba					46	44	46	42

Source: California Department of Education.



# Math

Percent of 3rd graders scoring (in math) at or above national average, 1998-1999

	1999 % 3rd Graders scoring at/or above national average	Rank 1999	1999 % 3rd Graders scoring at/or above national average	1998 % 3rd Graders scoring at/or above national average	1999 % 3rd Graders scoring at/or above national average	Rank 1999	1999 % 3rd Graders scoring at/or above national average	1998 % 3rd Graders scoring at/or above national average
CALIFORNIA	56			46				62
Alameda	56	23	56	45			70	60
Alpine	44	53	44	33		17	59	51
Amador	59	17	59	48		40	49	39
Butte	45	50	45	38		23	56	44
Calaveras	51	35	51	38		35	51	39
Colusa	48	42	48	32		42	48	36
Contra Costa	60	15	60	52		4	68	56
Del Norte	46	48	46	43		23	56	51
El Dorado	64	10	64	55		47	47	38
Fresno	53	29	53	46		4	68	56
Glenn	54	27	54	46		8	65	56
Humboldt	50	37	50	42		10	64	52
Imperial	52	31	52	42		4	68	62
Inyo	60	15	60	47		7	67	59
Kern	50	37	50	40		40	49	42
Kings	45	50	45	36		21	58	56
Lake	45	50	45	37		31	52	41
Lassen	59	17	59	53		29	53	44
Los Angeles	52	31	52	44		14	62	56
Madera	48	42	48	40		31	52	43
Marin	78	1	78	73		42	48	34
Mariposa	50	37	50	48		42	48	38
Mendocino	42	54	42	33		22	57	49
Merced	40	57	40	31		55	41	32
Modoc	59	17	59	41		26	55	45
Mono	30	58	30	50		13	63	51
Monterey	46	48	46	35		27	54	47
Napa	64	10	64	59		55	41	29
Nevada	65	8	65	56				
Orange						2	70	62
Placer						3	69	60
Plumas						17	59	51
Riverside						40	49	39
Sacramento						23	56	44
San Benito						35	51	39
San Bernardino						42	48	36
San Diego						4	68	56
San Francisco						23	56	51
San Joaquin						47	47	38
San Luis Obispo						4	68	56
San Mateo						8	65	56
Santa Barbara						10	64	52
Santa Clara						4	68	62
Santa Cruz						7	67	59
Shasta						40	49	42
Sierra						21	58	56
Siskiyou						31	52	41
Solano						29	53	44
Sonoma						14	62	56
Stanislaus						31	52	43
Sutter						42	48	34
Tehama						42	48	38
Trinity						22	57	49
Tulare						55	41	32
Tuolumne						26	55	45
Ventura						13	63	51
Yolo						27	54	47
Yuba						55	41	29

Source: California Department of Education

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# Public Library Hours

1997-1998

	Hours open per month per 100 children ages 0-5	Hours Rank	Hours open per month per 100 children ages 0-17	Hours open per month per 100 children ages 6-14	Hours open per month per 100 children ages 0-5	Hours Rank	Hours open per month per 100 children ages 0-17	Hours open per month per 100 children ages 6-14
CALIFORNIA	5.0		1.8	3.6				
Alameda	6.7	32	2.4	4.7				
Alpine	403.4	1	102.2	198.3				
Amador	33.5	10	9.3	17.8				
Butte	3.3	54	1.0	2.0				
Calaveras	28.9	11	7.8	14.6				
Colusa	13.3	15	4.6	9.5				
Contra Costa	4.9	45	1.6	3.2				
Del Norte	8.2	27	2.4	4.7				
El Dorado	6.5	35	1.9	3.6				
Fresno	3.6	52	1.3	2.6				
Glenn	14.2	14	4.7	9.4				
Humboldt	10.1	19	3.0	5.9				
Imperial	8.4	25	2.9	6.0				
Inyo	51.6	5	15.7	30.5				
Kern	5.5	40	1.9	3.9				
Kings	7.5	30	2.7	5.4				
Lake	11.1	16	3.3	6.2				
Lassen	5.2	42	1.5	2.9				
Los Angeles	4.0	48	1.5	3.0				
Madera	5.8	38	2.1	4.4				
Marin	17.8	12	5.9	11.5				
Mariposa	38.1	8	10.9	20.8				
Mendocino	10.3	17	3.1	6.0				
Merced	4.2	47	1.4	2.9				
Modoc	45.9	7	13.6	27.3				
Mono	86.2	2	24.9	45.9				
Monterey	9.5	21	3.5	6.9				
Napa	6.6	34	2.1	4.2				
Nevada	8.3	26	2.3	4.3				
Orange		50			3.8		1.5	3.0
Placer		20			9.9		3.1	6.1
Plumas		4			59.3		14.4	26.3
Riverside		51			3.7		1.3	2.5
Sacramento		55			3.0		1.0	2.1
San Benito		37			5.9		2.1	4.4
San Bernardino		49			3.8		1.3	2.6
San Diego		43			5.1		1.9	3.8
San Francisco		24			9.0		3.2	6.5
San Joaquin		58			2.2		0.7	1.4
San Luis Obispo		18			10.2		3.1	6.0
San Mateo		23			9.1		3.2	6.5
Santa Barbara		36			6.1		2.2	4.4
Santa Clara		41			5.5		2.0	4.0
Santa Cruz		22			9.4		3.2	6.3
Shasta		57			2.2		0.7	1.3
Sierra		3			71.0		12.4	22.0
Siskiyou		9			37.5		10.6	20.5
Solano		53			3.4		1.1	2.1
Sonoma		28			8.1		2.5	4.9
Stanislaus		39			5.5		1.8	3.6
Sutter		31			7.3		2.4	4.8
Tehama		33			6.6		2.1	4.1
Trinity		6			47.2		12.5	23.9
Tulare		46			4.5		1.6	3.4
Tuolumne		13			14.9		4.1	7.8
Ventura		44			5.0		1.7	3.5
Yolo		29			7.8		2.7	5.3
Yuba		56			2.3		0.8	1.5

Source: California State Library. Notes: a =Sierra County contracts with Plumas County for some library services. Plumas County figures include data for Sierra County. 1) NA =Not available. 2) School-age children are children ages 6-14. 3) Pre-school children are children ages 0-5.

# Public Library Programs

School-age programs and preschool child programs, 1997-1998

	# programs available per 100 school-age children			# programs available per 100 preschool children			# programs available per 100 preschool children		
	Total child school-age programs	Rank	Total child preschool programs	Rank	Total child school-age programs	Rank	Total child preschool programs	Rank	
CALIFORNIA	97,194	2.1	47,558	1.4	5,825	1.6	4,530	28	
Alameda	4,769	2.5	3,079	2.3	383	1.3	566	16	
Alpine	0	0.0	0	0.0	191	8.0	190	3	
Amador	0	0.0	0	0.0	1,246	0.6	1,183	38	
Butte	218	0.9	294	1.9	323	0.2	909	49	
Calaveras	12	0.3	142	5.9	42	0.6	53	36	
Colusa	340	12.2	51	2.6	1,340	0.5	1,413	40	
Contra Costa	1,403	1.2	1,818	2.4	5,736	1.5	4,238	19	
Del Norte	25	0.7	0	0.0	4,288	5.8	3,296	4	
El Dorado	110	0.5	132	1.2	870	1.0	374	32	
Fresno	1,630	1.3	457	0.5	417	1.5	638	20	
Glenn	115	2.8	45	1.6	1,638	1.9	2,335	13	
Humboldt	209	1.3	418	4.4	224	0.4	153	42	
Imperial	84	0.4	62	0.4	2,407	1.1	4,116	28	
Inyo	5	0.2	4	0.3	397	1.2	449	25	
Kern	2,285	2.2	760	1.0	36	0.2	95	50	
Kings	0	0.0	0	0.0	a	a	a	a	
Lake	15	0.2	51	1.3	4	0.1	153	51	
Lassen	15	0.4	21	1.0	605	1.0	446	31	
Los Angeles	52,811	3.8	8,772	0.8	659	1.2	456	27	
Madera	96	0.6	276	2.2	1,036	1.5	692	18	
Marin	508	2.0	752	4.5	187	1.7	337	15	
Mariposa	95	5.2	72	7.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Mendocino	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	52	
Merced	554	1.6	390	1.6	756	1.3	364	21	
Modoc	13	1.1	68	9.5	26	0.5	120	41	
Mono	120	8.4	58	7.6	1,106	1.1	546	30	
Monterey	1,019	1.7	1,513	3.6	388	1.9	214	12	
Napa	511	3.5	336	3.6	28	0.3	49	45	
Nevada	74	0.7	72	1.3					
Orange									
Placer									
Plumas									
Riverside									
Sacramento									
San Benito									
San Bernardino									
San Diego									
San Francisco									
San Joaquin									
San Luis Obispo									
San Mateo									
Santa Barbara									
Santa Clara									
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# High School Dropout Rates

Public School Grades 9-12, 1995-1998

	1995-1998				1996-1997				1995-1998				1995-1998			
	Avg. # high school dropouts	Avg. rate	Rank	Rate	Avg. rate	Rank	Rate	Rate	Avg. rate	Rank	Rate	Rate	Avg. rate	Rank	Rate	Rate
CALIFORNIA	52,636	3.4%		3.9%	3.3%		2.9%		2,980	23	2.7%		2.3%		2.5%	1.9%
Alameda	1,653	3.0%	34	3.7%	2.6%		2.5%		272	15	2.1%		1.9%		2.0%	1.8%
Alpine	b	b	b	b	b		b		22	13	2.3%		1.9%		2.1%	1.4%
Amador	17	1.1%	2	1.0%	1.4%		1.0%		2,035	29	2.8%		2.7%		2.6%	2.5%
Butte	431	4.4%	52	5.2%	4.0%		3.98%		1,960	45	4.3%		3.6%		3.2%	3.2%
Calaveras	41	1.8%	11	2.2%	1.7%		1.5%		44	7	0.9%		1.6%		1.0%	2.8%
Colusa	17	1.2%	3	1.5%	0.6%		1.6%		3,568	49	4.7%		3.8%		3.3%	3.5%
Contra Costa	830	2.0%	18	2.2%	1.7%		2.1%		3,561	33	3.0%		2.9%		2.9%	2.7%
Del Norte	35	2.4%	24	2.3%	2.4%		2.4%		932	56	4.1%		4.7%		4.3%	5.7%
El Dorado	194	2.2%	21	2.2%	2.4%		1.9%		583	17	2.3%		1.9%		1.9%	1.7%
Fresno	2,146	4.5%	53	4.8%	4.4%		4.3%		183	8	1.9%		1.7%		1.8%	1.5%
Glenn	63	3.7%	48	4.7%	4.0%		2.3%		488	14	2.2%		1.9%		2.0%	1.6%
Humboldt	213	3.3%	40	3.5%	3.0%		3.3%		427	28	2.8%		2.6%		2.7%	2.3%
Imperial	179	1.8%	12	1.9%	1.4%		2.2%		2,132	36	3.8%		3.1%		2.5%	3.1%
Inyo	16	1.5%	6	1.8%	1.2%		1.5%		358	41	3.3%		3.3%		3.9%	2.7%
Kern	1,588	4.1%	51	4.4%	4.2%		3.6%		298	37	4.0%		3.2%		2.5%	3.1%
Kings	157	2.4%	25	2.6%	2.0%		2.5%		7	19	0.7%		2.1%		1.0%	3.4%
Lake	100	3.5%	44	3.8%	3.7%		3.0%		123	55	4.4%		4.6%		5.6%	3.9%
Lassen	44	2.7%	30	1.6%	3.6%		2.9%		385	16	2.4%		1.9%		1.8%	1.7%
Los Angeles	18,868	4.5%	54	5.6%	4.6%		3.4%		536	31	2.7%		2.8%		2.6%	3.1%
Madera	211	3.2%	39	3.5%	3.0%		3.2%		914	47	3.7%		3.6%		3.5%	3.66%
Marin	103	1.3%	4	1.2%	1.4%		1.3%		233	57	5.4%		5.2%		6.0%	4.4%
Mariposa	20	2.5%	27	2.4%	2.0%		3.1%		59	10	1.6%		1.8%		1.8%	2.1%
Mendocino	169	3.4%	43	3.1%	3.7%		3.3%		8	1	1.7%		1.1%		0.9%	0.6%
Merced	437	3.2%	38	3.6%	2.4%		3.7%		875	50	3.2%		3.9%		4.6%	3.865%
Modoc	12	1.8%	9	2.6%	1.7%		1.2%		58	22	2.1%		2.2%		2.5%	2.1%
Mono	10	2.1%	20	2.8%	3.4%		0.2%		910	26	2.9%		2.5%		2.5%	2.1%
Monterey	578	3.4%	42	3.6%	3.1%		3.4%		210	32	3.2%		2.8%		2.8%	2.4%
Napa	73	1.3%	5	1.4%	1.1%		1.5%		105	35	2.7%		3.0%		2.8%	3.4%
Nevada	165	3.6%	46	3.5%	3.4%		4.0%									

Source: Department of Education, Demographic Unit. Note: b = not applicable (i.e.: no school in Alpine county).

Source: California Department of Education, Education Demographics Unit. Note: 1) Percentage refers to percentage of all 12th grade graduates in California public schools completing all courses required for University of California and/or California State University entrance. 2) b =Not applicable (i.e.: no school in Alpine county).

# Foster Care

Ages 0-17, 1995-1997

	1995-1997 Avg. # of children in foster care	1995-1997 Avg. rate	1995-1997 Rank	1995 Rate	1996 Rate	1997 Rate	1995-1997 Avg. # of children in foster care	1995-1997 Avg. rate	1995-1997 Rank	1995 Rate	1996 Rate	1997 Rate
CALIFORNIA	96,437	10.6		10.1	10.5	11.3						
Alameda	4,199	11.9	50	11.8	12.2	11.7						
Alpine	7	29.8	NR	31.4	24.4	33.8						
Amador	26	4.0	7	4.2	4.2	3.5						
Butte	747	15.2	54	12.4	15.1	18.1						
Calaveras	73	8.4	35	7.5	8.8	8.9						
Colusa	25	4.6	15	4.6	4.0	5.2						
Contra Costa	2,220	9.7	39	10.1	9.5	9.6						
Del Norte	92	13.0	52	12.2	12.1	14.8						
El Dorado	244	6.5	26	5.8	6.0	7.6						
Fresno	2,910	11.6	46	11.2	11.5	12.0						
Glenn	87	10.6	42	9.2	9.3	13.4						
Humboldt	321	10.1	41	11.1	9.3	9.8						
Imperial	222	4.8	18	4.4	4.5	5.6						
Inyo	19	4.3	8	3.8	4.1	5.0						
Kern	1,812	9.0	36	8.4	8.9	9.7						
Kings	215	5.9	21	6.3	5.5	5.9						
Lake	129	9.6	38	9.7	8.6	10.6						
Lassen	101	14.6	53	15.7	13.7	14.3						
Los Angeles	45,847	17.0	56	15.3	16.8	18.7						
Madera	146	4.5	12	4.4	4.3	4.7						
Marin	157	3.2	2	3.2	3.2	3.2						
Mariposa	26	7.4	30	6.1	9.0	7.1						
Mendocino	249	11.1	43	11.0	11.1	11.1						
Merced	317	4.6	14	5.3	4.6	3.8						
Modoc	11	4.3	9	1.6	3.6	7.8						
Mono	13	4.8	16	4.1	5.3	4.9						
Monterey	391	3.6	3	3.2	3.6	3.8						
Napa	181	6.4	25	6.8	6.5	6.0						
Nevada	95	4.8	17	4.3	4.8	5.2						
Orange	3,298	4.6	13	4.5	4.5	4.7						
Placer	306	5.5	20	4.3	5.3	6.9						
Plumas	29	6.3	23	5.6	6.1	7.1						
Riverside	3,403	8.1	31	7.8	8.4	8.2						
Sacramento	3,674	11.5	45	10.7	10.8	13.0						
San Benito	57	4.3	10	4.3	4.1	4.6						
San Bernardino	4,247	8.2	33	8.1	8.0	8.3						
San Diego	5,972	8.2	32	8.4	8.0	8.0						
San Francisco	3,154	22.2	57	22.4	21.9	22.4						
San Joaquin	1,491	9.2	37	9.5	9.1	8.9						
San Luis Obispo	367	7.0	27	6.7	6.8	7.6						
San Mateo	649	3.9	6	4.3	3.6	3.7						
Santa Barbara	362	3.6	4	3.5	3.6	3.6						
Santa Clara	2,978	7.1	28	7.0	7.0	7.3						
Santa Cruz	392	6.3	24	6.1	6.3	6.6						
Shasta	426	9.8	40	10.1	8.8	10.6						
Sierra	10	12.9	51	12.5	12.9	13.5						
Siskiyou	172	15.8	55	16.2	15.7	15.5						
Solano	488	4.4	11	4.2	4.5	4.5						
Sonoma	412	3.8	5	3.8	3.9	3.9						
Stanislaus	698	5.3	19	5.8	5.2	5.0						
Sutter	178	8.2	34	7.6	7.7	9.3						
Tehama	171	11.9	49	9.6	11.9	14.1						
Trinity	36	11.2	44	12.3	10.0	11.2						
Tulare	1,389	11.7	47	13.4	11.6	10.0						
Tuolumne	67	6.1	22	6.5	5.4	6.4						
Ventura	599	3.0	1	3.1	2.8	3.1						
Yolo	285 <sup>e</sup>	7.3	29	6.8	7.0	8.1						
Yuba	245	11.9	48	11.8	11.4	12.4						

Source: University of California, Berkeley, Child Welfare Research Center. Note: Rate refers to the number of children in foster care per 1,000 children.



# Foster Care

Ages 0-5, 1995-1997

	1995-1997 Avg. # of children in foster care	1995-1997 Avg. rate	1995-1997 Rank	1995 Rate	1996 Rate	1997 Rate	1995-1997 Avg. # of children in foster care	1995-1997 Avg. rate	1995-1997 Rank	1995 Rate	1996 Rate	1997 Rate
CALIFORNIA	33,704	9.8		9.6	9.6	10.3						
Alameda	1,363	10.4	39	10.8	10.9	9.6						
Alpine	2	25.4	NR	28.6	0.0	48.4						
Amador	6	3.2	NR	5.5	2.8	1.1						
Butte	248	16.0	47	13.9	15.9	18.2						
Calaveras	16	6.7	23	3.9	7.5	8.9						
Colusa	7	3.6	NR	4.2	3.1	3.6						
Contra Costa	642	8.2	28	9.1	7.6	7.9						
Del Norte	25	11.5	42	12.0	10.4	12.1						
El Dorado	73	6.5	21	6.1	5.8	7.5						
Fresno	1,064	11.4	41	11.7	11.3	11.1						
Glenn	25	9.3	NR	8.0	6.6	13.3						
Humboldt	101	10.2	38	12.5	9.3	8.9						
Imperial	62	3.7	10	3.4	3.5	4.1						
Inyo	4	3.2	NR	3.6	3.0	3.0						
Kern	565	7.6	25	6.9	7.4	8.7						
Kings	79	5.9	19	5.5	5.6	6.5						
Lake	32	7.6	24	8.1	6.2	8.4						
Lassen	28	14.1	44	18.8	13.2	10.4						
Los Angeles	16,537	15.2	45	14.0	15.0	16.7						
Madera	42	3.6	8	3.2	3.2	4.3						
Marin	42	2.5	2	2.6	2.0	2.8						
Mariposa	11	10.0	36	8.9	13.1	7.9						
Mendocino	68	9.9	35	10.4	9.5	9.8						
Merced	106	4.3	12	5.5	4.3	3.0						
Modoc	3	4.8	NR	0.0	2.9	11.7						
Mono	3	3.6	NR	2.2	3.6	5.0						
Monterey	134	3.2	6	3.1	3.2	3.2						
Napa	62	6.6	22	7.7	6.5	5.7						
Nevada	23	4.3	11	5.0	4.4	3.4						
Orange	1,306	4.4	13	4.5	4.1	4.5						
Placer	79	4.4	14	3.6	3.8	5.8						
Plumas	7	6.5	NR	5.8	5.4	8.3						
Riverside	1,235	8.1	27	8.0	8.4	8.0						
Sacramento	1,152	10.1	37	9.1	9.3	11.9						
San Benito	15	3.1	5	3.9	2.1	3.3						
San Bernardino	1,512	8.0	26	8.3	7.7	7.9						
San Diego	2,437	8.5	29	8.9	8.3	8.4						
San Francisco	1,033	18.5	48	19.3	18.0	18.2						
San Joaquin	534	9.4	34	9.9	9.1	9.2						
San Luis Obispo	102	6.1	20	5.7	5.9	6.8						
San Mateo	184	2.9	4	3.2	2.7	2.8						
Santa Barbara	87	2.3	1	2.5	2.2	2.1						
Santa Clara	913	5.7	18	5.8	5.7	5.7						
Santa Cruz	124	5.4	16	5.2	5.2	5.9						
Shasta	145	11.0	40	12.1	9.2	11.6						
Sierra	2	13.0	NR	7.2	23.8	8.3						
Siskiyou	46	15.9	46	17.5	15.2	15.0						
Solano	119	3.2	7	3.3	3.2	3.0						
Sonoma	125	3.6	9	3.5	3.5	3.7						
Stanislaus	235	5.2	15	6.1	5.1	4.4						
Sutter	66	8.7	31	8.1	7.8	10.3						
Tehama	43	9.4	32	6.9	9.2	12.1						
Trinity	4	4.7	NR	4.6	4.8	4.9						
Tulare	409	9.4	33	11.3	8.6	8.4						
Tuolumne	17	5.5	17	6.7	4.6	5.3						
Ventura	188	2.6	3	2.7	2.4	2.7						
Yolo	121	8.7	30	8.7	7.5	9.9						
Yuba	92	12.8	43	11.6	13.2	13.5						

Source: University of California, Berkeley, Child Welfare Research Center. Note: Rate refers to the number of children in foster care per 1,000 children.

# Child Abuse

1994-1996

	1994-96				1994-96				1994-96 Avg. child abuse reports	1994-96				
	Avg. child abuse reports	Avg. rate	1994-96 Rank	1994 Rate	1995 Rate	1996 Rate	1994-96 Avg. rate	1994-96 Rank		Avg. rate	1994-96 Rank	1994 Rate	1995 Rate	1996 Rate
CALIFORNIA	687,072	77.2		75.8	77.5	78.2								
Alameda	17,587	51.1	6	57.4	55.9	40.3								
Alpine	102	401.3	58	295.5	447.1	467.5								
Amador	428	66.0	13	60.6	62.5	75.0								
Butte	9,034	184.9	53	200.5	180.1	174.4								
Calaveras	1,264	144.1	44	149.7	137.8	144.8								
Colusa	462	84.5	20	93.5	85.4	74.9								
Contra Costa	19,341	86.1	23	82.2	86.3	89.6								
Del Norte	1,239	173.9	50	189.8	170.3	161.3								
El Dorado	2,738	72.7	18	70.6	76.1	71.5								
Fresno	23,560	95.4	31	89.9	90.6	105.3								
Glenn	1,082	133.6	43	136.8	136.0	128.1								
Humboldt	5,855	183.5	52	146.3	183.0	221.6								
Imperial	2,477	54.1	8	44.7	56.8	60.9								
Inyo	495	110.8	36	105.0	114.5	112.9								
Kern	10,577	53.2	7	50.1	42.1	67.4								
Kings	3,277	91.7	25	80.1	83.2	111.3								
Lake	2,636	196.2	55	122.4	237.1	229.2								
Lassen	1,373	202.2	56	188.0	206.3	212.0								
Los Angeles	179,074	67.4	14	62.9	67.9	71.2								
Madera	3,623	112.6	38	103.2	111.0	123.3								
Marin	2,114	44.0	2	49.7	41.9	40.5								
Mariposa	526	145.6	45	148.1	135.3	153.6								
Mendocino	3,327	147.8	47	120.5	156.7	166.3								
Merced	8,461	122.5	40	114.0	137.5	116.0								
Modoc	446	176.3	51	197.3	206.3	123.9								
Mono	201	75.3	19	60.9	82.2	83.0								
Monterey	9,164	85.6	22	80.9	90.8	85.1								
Napa	1,187	42.6	1	41.9	42.5	43.3								
Nevada	1,877	93.1	27	88.0	98.7	92.6								
Orange	35,049													
Placer	3,715													
Plumas	622													
Riverside	26,396													
Sacramento	29,583													
San Benito	740													
San Bernardino	49,274													
San Diego	81,495													
San Francisco	8,389													
San Joaquin	14,400													
San Luis Obispo	7,564													
San Mateo	7,487													
Santa Barbara	9,112													
Santa Clara	23,291													
Santa Cruz	5,716													
Shasta	6,652													
Sierra	86													
Siskiyou	1,245													
Solano	5,040													
Sonoma	7,638													
Stanislaus	11,071													
Sutter	2,081													
Tehama	2,270													
Trinity	709													
Tulare	11,087													
Tuolumne	1,487													
Ventura	13,676													
Yolo	3,849													
Yuba	3,822													

Source: California Department of Social Services, Data Analysis and Publications Branch. Note: Rate refers to the number of reports per 1,000 children in population.

Source: California Department of Health Services, Epidemiology and Prevention for Injury Control (EPIIC) Branch. Note: Rate refers to the number of gun injuries or deaths to children per 100,000 children.

# Gun Injuries & Deaths

Ages 0-5, 1995-1997

	1995-1997 Avg. # children 0-5	1995-1997 Rate	1995 Rate	1996 Rate	1997 Rate	1995-1997 Avg. # children 0-5	1995-1997 Rate	1995 Rate	1996 Rate	1997 Rate
CALIFORNIA	47.7	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.7					
Alameda	3.3	2.5	3.1	3.1	1.5					
Alpine	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
Amador	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
Butte	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
Calaveras	0.7	27.3	0.0	41.5	42.3					
Colusa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
Contra Costa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
Del Norte	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
El Dorado	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
Fresno	1.3	1.4	1.1	1.1	2.1					
Glenn	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
Humboldt	0.3	3.4	0.0	10.2	0.0					
Imperial	0.3	2.0	0.0	0.0	6.0					
Inyo	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
Kern	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
Kings	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
Lake	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
Lassen	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
Los Angeles	21.7	2.0	1.9	1.6	2.4					
Madera	0.7	5.6	0.0	0.0	16.4					
Marin	0.3	1.9	5.7	0.0	0.0					
Mariposa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
Mendocino	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
Merced	0.3	1.3	4.0	0.0	0.0					
Modoc	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
Mono	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
Monterey	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
Napa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
Nevada	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
Orange	3.0	1.0	1.7	0.3	1.0					
Placer	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
Plumas	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
Riverside	2.3	1.5	2.6	1.3	0.7					
Sacramento	3.3	2.9	0.9	3.5	4.4					
San Benito	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
San Bernardino	2.0	1.1	0.5	1.1	1.6					
San Diego	2.0	0.7	0.3	0.7	1.1					
San Francisco	0.3	0.6	0.0	0.0	1.8					
San Joaquin	0.3	0.6	1.8	0.0	0.0					
San Luis Obispo	0.3	2.0	0.0	0.0	6.2					
San Mateo	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
Santa Barbara	0.3	0.9	0.0	2.6	0.0					
Santa Clara	1.0	0.6	1.3	0.6	0.0					
Santa Cruz	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
Shasta	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
Sierra	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
Siskiyou	0.3	11.4	0.0	34.5	0.0					
Solano	0.3	0.9	2.6	0.0	0.0					
Sonoma	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
Stanislaus	0.7	1.5	0.0	0.0	4.5					
Sutter	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
Tehama	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
Trinity	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
Tulare	0.7	1.5	0.0	2.3	2.3					
Tuolumne	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
Ventura	1.7	2.3	2.7	0.0	4.1					
Yolo	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
Yuba	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					

Source: California Department of Health Services, Epidemiology and Prevention for Injury Control (EPIC) Branch. Note: Rate refers to the number of gun injuries or deaths to children per 100,000 children.

# Motor Vehicle Injuries & Deaths

Ages 0-17, 1996-1998

	Avg. # children 0-17	1996-1998 Rate	1996-1998 Rank	1996 Rate	1997 Rate	1998 Rate	Avg. # children 0-17	1996-1998 Rate	1996-1998 Rank	1996 Rate	1997 Rate	1998 Rate
CALIFORNIA	50,190	543		579	530	522	Orange	3,522	472	490	473	453
Alameda	1,915	529	14	545	539	504	Placer	434	757	711	737	818
Alpine	9	3,933	NR	4,065	0	2,183	Plumas	43	966	981	802	1,118
Amador	64	989	49	1,052	1,093	822	Riverside	2,188	511	539	514	483
Butte	330	669	26	657	639	710	Sacramento	2,373	734	783	721	699
Calaveras	113	1,282	53	1,280	1,256	1,309	San Benito	92	668	592	735	674
Colusa	41	722	32	704	696	765	San Bernardino	3,092	586	610	587	561
Contra Costa	1,083	469	5	496	460	451	San Diego	3,750	499	530	475	493
Del Norte	78	1,093	NR	810	1,449	1,018	San Francisco	715	490	569	439	463
El Dorado	294	778	39	841	671	821	San Joaquin	1,152	698	708	681	703
Fresno	1,683	661	24	719	638	625	San Luis Obispo	328	619	621	645	593
Glenn	57	699	29	639	602	854	San Mateo	753	438	466	426	425
Humboldt	252	797	43	944	786	660	Santa Barbara	476	465	518	444	434
Imperial	259	555	15	645	513	509	Santa Clara	2,064	478	513	475	449
Inyo	41	934	46	1,020	912	869	Santa Cruz	332	527	536	532	514
Kern	1,266	621	23	674	612	579	Shasta	298	687	663	676	723
Kings	225	609	21	768	528	535	Sierra	9	1,216	514	809	2,425
Lake	116	868	44	862	556	1,182	Siskiyou	81	756	656	729	886
Lassen	69	970	48	1,069	730	1,112	Solano	643	580	597	588	555
Los Angeles	13,348	485	8	531	468	457	Sonoma	799	736	787	726	696
Madera	302	903	45	1,021	757	933	Stanislaus	959	722	716	720	731
Marin	251	506	11	508	488	522	Sutter	157	717	729	852	572
Mariposa	28	786	41	561	741	1,061	Tehama	155	1,083	1,229	1,028	990
Mendocino	170	761	38	693	846	745	Trinity	36	1,147	907	1,411	1,128
Merced	504	720	31	767	671	723	Tulare	719	599	635	560	603
Modoc	19	790	42	604	860	911	Tuolumne	130	1,198	1,211	1,096	1,287
Mono	29	1,094	51	1,018	1,055	1,210	Ventura	1,173	576	636	554	540
Monterey	466	414	1	461	373	410	Yolo	181	454	469	475	420
Napa	224	784	40	832	800	722	Yuba	115	558	627	551	498
Nevada	187	939	47	917	787	1,111						

Source: Department of California Highway Patrol, Information Services Unit. Note: Rates refer to number of injuries and deaths caused by motor vehicle accidents per 100,000 children.

# Motor Vehicle Injuries & Deaths

Ages 0-5, 1996-1998

	Avg. # children 0-5	1996-1998 Rate	1996-1998 Rank	1996 Rate	1997 Rate	1998 Rate	Avg. # children 0-5	1996-1998 Rate	1996-1998 Rank	1996 Rate	1997 Rate	1998 Rate
CALIFORNIA	8,052	237		260	227	222						
Alameda	282	216	11	232	218	198		Orange	569	191	193	170
Alpine	1	2,162	NR	1,538	0	5,172		Placer	49	268	310	259
Amador	5	282	NR	341	340	168		Plumas	5	428	277	469
Butte	43	277	26	252	247	333		Riverside	332	219	205	208
Calaveras	8	334	NR	208	381	414		Sacramento	344	303	268	281
Colusa	7	340	NR	414	153	452		San Benito	14	279	265	256
Contra Costa	146	189	4	186	203	176		San Bernardino	502	268	255	261
Del Norte	10	461	NR	142	824	428		San Diego	580	203	197	196
El Dorado	24	213	NR	336	109	189		San Francisco	134	242	246	224
Fresno	331	357	41	422	336	310		San Joaquin	183	325	333	321
Glenn	9	317	36	329	258	365		San Luis Obispo	32	197	215	207
Humboldt	32	334	39	439	345	212		San Mateo	99	159	149	146
Imperial	47	278	27	290	312	230		Santa Barbara	73	192	182	193
Inyo	5	399	NR	295	675	226		Santa Clara	350	219	218	174
Kern	212	289	29	319	273	275		Santa Cruz	47	211	215	207
Kings	41	302	31	371	237	298		Shasta	35	271	302	308
Lake	12	303	32	288	247	375		Sierra	2	1,355	1,653	1,639
Lassen	9	463	44	662	347	388		Siskiyou	8	275	244	305
Los Angeles	2,442	229	15	253	214	217		Solano	86	235	225	188
Madera	49	403	42	428	312	470		Sonoma	93	267	242	273
Marin	28	167	2	153	176	173		Stanislaus	145	322	304	302
Mariposa	5	489	NR	188	791	503		Sutter	19	253	253	215
Mendocino	21	315	35	292	386	267		Tehama	19	430	314	403
Merced	83	340	40	369	359	290		Trinity	3	366	487	125
Modoc	2	287	NR	145	293	418		Tulare	137	315	306	309
Mono	3	336	NR	243	501	262		Tuolumne	11	364	133	536
Monterey	86	204	9	208	207	195		Ventura	161	222	193	219
Napa	22	240	18	312	204	203		Yolo	24	173	188	137
Nevada	16	295	30	311	280	293		Yuba	16	230	216	292

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